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HEAVY FIGHTING. POSITION OF KWEITEH. MARSHAL FENG'S APPEAL. HIS LINES THREATENED.

NO DECISIVE ACTION.

A Reuter's cable from Peking says that reports from Honan are still meagre, whilst the fall of Kweiteh is not yet confirmed. The latest reports state that heavy fighting is going on in that region.

It is reported that Chang Tsung-chang has left Tsainanfu for Tsining to stiffen the Chihli-Shantung resistance.

Hsuehchowfu telegrams appear in the vernacular papers stating that Chu Yu-pu says that he has "changed his plans and is concentrating his forces on Kweiteh instead of Kai-feng." These are self-explanatory.

Chinese sources report that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has telegraphed to Nanking to drive up the Tsinpu railway to meet his forces at Hsuehchowfu. However the fact that the Ankuochun troops at Hsinhsiang, north of the Yellow River, are crossing to the south bank seriously threatens Feng's lines of communications.

NANKING'S CLAIMS.

Nanking claims that the expeditionary troops sent up the Yangtze have come into contact with the retreating Hankow armies around Wusuch (about 10 miles below Hankow), attacking with success.

On the other hand, Hankow maintains that the Nanking expedition was checked and that the Hankow armies are moving back steadily.

Whatever the fortunes of war may have been, it appears as if the rival Nationalist armies are in touch, with Hankow—the objective of Nanking's forces—about 100 miles away.

On the upper Yangtze, Hankow troops are reported to have inflicted a reverse on the 2nd Army which is suspected of being in league with General Yang Sen, who is moving slowly down river. Another report is that Yang Sen will ally himself with General Tang Seng-chi of Hankow.

Northern War Zones.
In the northern war zones, the Shansi troops are contemplating a counter-offensive against Fengtien, now that the "Christian Generals" Kuomintang is attacking the Fengtien forces on the Honan-Shantung border.

The Kuomintang is stated to be advancing rapidly eastward against the Shantung portion of the Fengtien armies. The danger to Peking lies in the possibility of the Kuomintang being able to reach the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, where it may join hands with the Nanking Nationalist army which is demonstrating on a more southerly part of the line against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang.

North of the Yellow River (in Honan province), the Fengtien invaders are holding their own, and Peking is still "boosting" the drive against Shansi along the Peking-Suiyuan Railway.

Mme. Wu Released.
Tientsin, Yesterday.
Madame C. C. Wu, was released yesterday evening by order of General Chang Tsung-chang.—Reuter.

Chiang Kai-shek Leaves Japan.
Osaka, Yesterday.
General Chiang Kai-shek has left for Shanghai aboard the "Nagasaki Maru."—Reuter.

Both on the Grand Canal and Pukow-Tientsin sectors, the Nationalists are reported to be hard pressed by the Northerners, the fighting taking place at Tsin Kiang Po, on the Grand Canal, and at Chang Pa Ling on the railway.—British Naval Wireless.

Nanking, Yesterday.
Troops and artillery continue to be moved up from the South.—British Naval Wireless.

Chinkiang, Yesterday.
On their way to Shanghai, various members of the Nanking Government passed through yesterday.—British Naval Wireless.

Hankow, Yesterday.
The movement of Hankow troops down-river and of Nanking troops up-river from Anking and Kiukiang would appear to in-

dicate that the Nanking attack on Hankow is about to be resumed and that resistance will be offered by the Hankow forces.—British Naval Wireless.

Foochow, Yesterday.
Although the situation is generally quiet, the Chinese Naval and Military authorities are at cross purposes over the division of control over territory and finances.—British Naval Wireless.

SHANSI RESIDENTS.
Strive to Effect Peace in Peking.
The Shansi residents and merchants in the capital will hold a meeting in their guild in a day or two, when, it is said, questions connected with their attempt to restore peace between Shansi and Mukden will be the main topic of discussion.

There is a large colony of the Shansi people in Peking, their number being generally regarded as much higher than that of residents from other provinces. As the majority of the Shansi men are merchants, the outbreak of war between Shansi and Mukden has greatly affected their trade and commerce. One Mr. Tan is credited as being the most active member in the community to try and bring about cessation of hostilities between the conflicting parties.

FALL OF A WALL.
BUILDING CONTRACTOR WITHOUT A PERMIT.
Lam Kan, building contractor, was this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell by the Building Authority for carrying out certain work at the Mohammedan Cemetery without a permit.

Mr. Lindsell intimated the connection of this summons with the recent landslide at the cemetery in which three people were killed, by suggesting that the summons be put over until the result of the inquest was made known, when, he thought, there might be the possibility of charging the defendant with a more serious offence.

The defendant, who admitted that he had no permit for digging a foundation trench for a new retaining wall, said that the committee who employed him to rebuild a wall, which had collapsed, told him that a permit was not necessary.

Remarking that the committee could not possibly know whether a permit was necessary or not, and that it was no excuse for the defendant who as a contractor should know the regulations, Mr. Lindsell ordered an adjournment of the case until November 23.

Money and jewellery to the total value of \$488 was reported by a Chinese merchant living in a flat at No. 462, Des Voeux Road West to have been stolen from his cubicle.

CANTON DAY BY DAY

Views on Government's Headquarters.

SOLIDIFYING THE UNIONS.

Petitions From Strikers And Seamen.

Canton's intentions to establish a new Nationalist Government and Party headquarters seem to be wavering.

The project was launched when Mr. Wang Ching-wei, leader of the Leftist politicians, returned to Canton recently. In Nanking, the majority of Nationalist leaders are not keen on the Government being set up at Canton. However, those who belonged to the Hankow political faction, and a number of Kuomintang members in Shanghai, are now believed to favour the holding of a preliminary convention in Shanghai, this convention to decide the location of the fourth plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee which has caused so much heart-burning.

The Hankow Party.
However, there are other politicians who insist that even the preliminary convention should be held in Canton.

Two influential institutions at Hankow have declared in favour of Canton as the venue. These are the Wu-Han Branch of the Nationalist Political Council and the Hankow city Kuomintang, both of which are Party organisations dominated by Leftist supporters of Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Labour Union Control.
Mr. Tse Ying-lin, the Commissioner for Agriculture and Labour in Kwangtung, has invited a representative of each labour Union to attend an in-

formal meeting this afternoon at which plans to solidify Unions and reorganise control will be discussed.

The "Canton-Hong Kong Strike Executive," on which the moderates now have a majority, has petitioned the Canton authorities to deal with the "reactionary" element which attempted to stir up disorder within the Strike Association, and the authorities have instructed the Police to take the necessary measures.

Memory of Plots.
The Canton Seamen's Union, which also has a preponderance of moderates, has also addressed the authorities in connection with the alleged plot by Communists to cause trouble, instancing the calling out of river steamboat crews some time ago to attend the welcome to Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Both the Strike Association and the Seamen's Union have come under Government attention. About a month ago, the Communists launched a coup to seize control of the Seamen's Union and, in the subsequent riot, several men were killed. The Police made a raid on the Strike headquarters recently, on information received from loyal labour Unions, and a number of arrests was effected.

Soviet Anniversary.
Further to the attempt by one section of the labourites to hold a Soviet anniversary meeting on Monday (which was broken up by the Police), it is learned that one of the Chinese on the platform was arrested and that three Russians have also been detained.

According to a Chinese report, a number of officials are suspicious of the Strike Association's part in the memorial meeting and suggest effective measures, with a view to disbanding the Association if necessary.

Minor Rebellions.
A detailed report has reached Canton regarding the minor rebellions in Hainan Island, which lies off the south-west coast of Kwangtung and is a part of the province.

At one district town about 70 miles west of Hoihow, the mixed

FRAUD ALLEGED.

Marconi's Shareholders' Affidavits.

CHANCERY CASE.

Petition For Reduction Of Capital.

London, Yesterday.
Affidavits by Marconi shareholders, which are alleged to amount to charges of fraud against the Directors, were heard at the Chancery Division hearing of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company's petition to write down the capital from



Signor Marconi.

£4,000,000 to £2,375,000 involving a reduction in the Ordinary shares from £1 to 10/-.

The spokesman of the opposition said that the scheme was aimed to "enable the Directors, by a subsequent appreciation of the now artificially depreciated values, to show profits in order to justify the enormous sums they were receiving as remuneration services."

Company's Counsel, who mentioned that Signor Marconi was too ill to attend at present, said that this was a charge of fraud of the grossest description.

The hearing was adjourned.—Reuter.

U. S. ELECTIONS.

LITTLE POLITICAL INTEREST ATTACHED.

ISSUES MAINLY LOCAL.

New York, Yesterday.
The smallest political interest attaches to the elections which are being held to-day in a number of towns and States all over America.

The issues before the voters are mostly only local with no bearing on national politics.

Numerous Municipal and State officials come up for election.

Pictureque Mayoral campaigns will be decided in Philadelphia, Detroit, and San Francisco.

Governors are being elect for Kentucky and Mississippi, whilst in New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania there are contests for three vacant seats in the House of Representatives.

The most important issue in New York is a proposal to extend the term of office of the Governor from two years to four years, with an election the same year as the Presidential election.—Reuter's American Service.

SHIP FIRED ON.
INCIDENT IN THE WEST RIVER.

TWO SEAMEN KILLED.

The master of the s.s. "Shing On," a West River steamer owned by the Un On Steamship Company, of No. 1 Queen's Street, reported to the police on the ship's arrival in port yesterday that whilst the ship was passing Autachui at 4.30 a.m., on October 3, she was fired upon from both banks of the river.

Two seamen were killed and two others wounded.

The master made a report to the Customs authorities at Shamshui.

force (300 strong) of bandits, guerrillas, Communists and Farmers' Corps were repulsed for a while but "starved out" the guard of 40 soldiers in a day, during which ammunition ran short.

After the guard had fled, the rebels entered into possession and created havoc in the yamen. Reinforcements from Hoihow drove off the rebels and restored order.

Help has been asked for by another district town 30 miles south-east of Hoihow.

The situation at Linchow (near Pakhoi), which was in the hands of bandits, is not clear.

BRITAIN IN CHINA.

Statement in House of Commons.

CONDITIONS ON THE YANGTZE.

Reference To Renewed Boycott In Canton.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Replying to a question on the position of China, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, gave an account of the events since his last statement on July 27. He referred to generally unsettled conditions in Yangtze Valley and the unstable state of affairs at Hankow.

He said that, as a result of the investigations of the British Trade Mission on the Yangtze it had been found possible for British shipping companies to resume a restricted service from Hankow to Changsha, where conditions were found to be distinctly improved, there being no sign of anti-foreign feeling and the Communist element being sternly repressed. Chungking, also, was found to be quiet, with little anti-foreign feeling, a rigid suppression of Communism. The Consulate of this port was being reopened as soon as a Consular officer was available.

British steamer navigation had been experimentally resumed on the Upper Yangtze, and he understood that British merchants were returning to Changsha, Ichang, and Chungking.

Affairs in Canton.
It is reported that new independent Nationalist Government, composed of members of the Sun Yat-sen faction, was now being organised in Canton.

The British Minister had reported a revival of the anti-British boycott at Canton, and

Officers Bring Steamer From Canton.

The Norwegian steamer Dampito, running between Hong Kong, Canton and Tsing-wantao, arrived in Hong Kong from Canton this afternoon minus her crew and manned only by the six European officers.

The crew had been called out by the Seamen's Union in Canton.

Further details were not available at the time of going to press.

CREW CALLED OUT.
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ANTI-COMMUNISM.
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN HOLLAND.

REPRESENTATIVE GALLERING.

The Hague, Yesterday.
The Congress of the International Association of Anti-Communism has opened under the presidency of M. Rijk.

General Snyder, Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch Army, in war time, and M. Patyn, Burgomaster of the Hague, were also present. M. Aubert (France), President of the Entente Internationale, and the Comte, Troisième Internationale, thanked M. Rijk for the cordial welcome to the delegates.—Reuter.

JUMP FROM WINDOW.
WELL KNOWN BANKER'S DEATH.

A FRACTURED SKULL.

New York, Yesterday.
Mr. Alexander Phillips, a banker who was associated for many years with the Guaranty Trust Company, and who was well known in Bombay, Melbourne, and Paris, has died from a fractured skull after jumping out of the window of a hospital whither he was taken suffering from heart disease.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.
The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

"SUNNING" ECHO.

Insurance Association Tribute.

NEXT WEEK'S PRESENTATION.

Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn To Be Present.

An interesting ceremony will take place in the offices of the Marine Insurance Association (Chartered Bank Building) a week to-day (November 16) at 4 p.m. when His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will make a presentation to Mr. T. P. Beatty, who was Chief Officer of the "Sunning" a year ago when the heroic resistance was put up by the officers which resulted in holding the pirates at bay until a rescue was made.

A few weeks ago a similar acknowledgment was made in Shanghai to Mr. J. S. Hurst, who was 2nd Officer at the time and to Mr. George Cornack, Chief Engineer, the presentation being made on behalf of the Shanghai Marine Underwriters' Association, these two officers now being on the Yangtze run.

The presentation in Hong Kong will be of a private nature, invitations being confined to members of Marine Insurance Companies who are members of the Association and a few other representatives, such as Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the Senior Naval Officer, Intelligence, and the head of the China Navigation Company.

It will be remembered that the Directors of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have already presented to each of the officers of the "Sunning" a gold watch inscribed: "From the Owners in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty. Sunning Piracy, November 16, 1926." At the same time it was understood that a monetary grant was made.

FRENCH CHAMBER.

M. BONCOUR TO SUCCEED.

A HAPPY AUGURY.

Paris, Yesterday.
M. Paul Boncour has been elected by 21 votes to 9 as President of the Chamber's Foreign Committee.

It is declared that his election will be reflected in the Committee's policy to organise peace and carry on a foreign policy in the letter and spirit of the League of Nations.—Havas.

[Reuter wired last Friday:—The proceedings of the Chamber were enlivened by the announcement that M. Franklin-Bouillon, the notoriously stormy petrel of politics, had resigned the Chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs Committee and had severed his 25 years in connection with the Radical-Socialist Party because the latter had developed a leaning toward the socialists. M. Bouillon holds that the continuance of a party truce is essential to financial recovery and is of the opinion that the socialist foreign policy spells war with Germany within a decade. M. Bouillon subsequently intimated that he intends to form a new party, the "National Union League," with a view to the forthcoming elections.]

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Parliament would be invited to refer any proposals of the Commission to a joint Committee of both Houses with which a delegation from a Select Committee of the Central Indian Legislature would be invited to confer.—Reuter.

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INDIAN REFORMS.

Mr. Baldwin's Statement In Parliament.

COMMISSION'S PERSONNEL.

Extremists Angry At Omission Of Indians.

London, Yesterday.
Parliament re-opened without ceremony after the long recess. In spite of fog and frost several members of the House of Commons arrived at five in the morning in order to secure seats.

Interest to-day centred in Mr. Baldwin's announcement on the Statutory Commission to inquire into the working of Indian reforms. The Commission does not include any Indian and consists of Sir John Simon, Chairman Lord Burnham, Lord Strathcona, the Honourable Edward Cadogan, Mr. Stephen Walsh, Colonel Lane Fox and Major Atlee.—Reuter.

Prime Minister's Statement.
London, Yesterday.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Stanley Baldwin) announced the composition of the Statutory Commission which will inquire into the working of the system of government and growth of education and development of representative institutions in India. The Commission will consist of Sir John Simon, the well-known King's Counsel and leading Liberal who will be Chairman; Lord Burnham, proprietor of the "Daily Telegraph"; Lord Strathcona; the Honourable Edward Cadogan and Colonel Lane Fox, Conservative members of Parliament; Stephen Walsh (Secretary of War in the late Labour Government); and Major Atlee, Labour member of Parliament.

Task of Evidence Taking.
Mr. Baldwin said that the Government were of the opinion that the task of the Commission in taking evidence would be facilitated if the Indian legislature appointed a committee which might lay before the Commission any matters for examination. This committee might remain in being for consultation with the Commission. The Government also suggested that a similar procedure might be adopted in provincial legislatures. The vast areas to be covered made it desirable that the task of taking evidence on purely administrative questions should be undertaken by some other authority which would be in the closest touch with the Commission.

Opportunity For Discussion.
When the Commission had reported to the Government of India and His Majesty's Government it would be the duty of the latter to present the Commission's proposals to Parliament. It was not, however, the intention of the Government to ask Parliament to adopt proposals without giving the fullest opportunity for Indian opinions of various schools to be expressed. To this end it was intended to invite Parliament to refer these proposals to the consideration of a joint committee of both Houses.—British Wireless Service.

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Quinnell, Kowloon Hotel, from Shanghai.
Sabatnik, from London.
Lianhua, from Los Angeles.
Mr. Wah C. Moy, Empress Hotel, from Shanghai.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 3rd November, 1927.

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E. V. JESSEN,
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Hong Kong, 3rd November, 1927.

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The Eyrie	1725
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Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1371

NOTICES.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, November 9th, 1927.

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"That the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Mr. John Hennessey Seth and Mr. Sydney Hamden Ross, jointly and severally, of the firm of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, be and they are hereby appointed 'the Liquidators' for the purpose 'of such winding up.'"

At such Meeting the Liquidators' remuneration will be fixed.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN (as authorised by Article 70 of the Articles of Association) that should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting and that such Meeting will be held at the same place at 4.15 p.m. on THURSDAY, the Eighth day of December, 1927, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above mentioned Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated 7th November, 1927.

By Order of the Board,

S. K. MOOSA,
Secretary.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, the 11th instant.

Hong Kong, 7th November, 1927.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA

HONG KONG BRANCH.

A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING will be held at the Guild Office, 67 Des Voeux Road, Central, on WEDNESDAY, 9th November, at 6 o'clock p.m. A full attendance is essential.

W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th November, 1927.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the EIGHTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 26th November, 1927 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on Tuesday, 15th November, 1927.

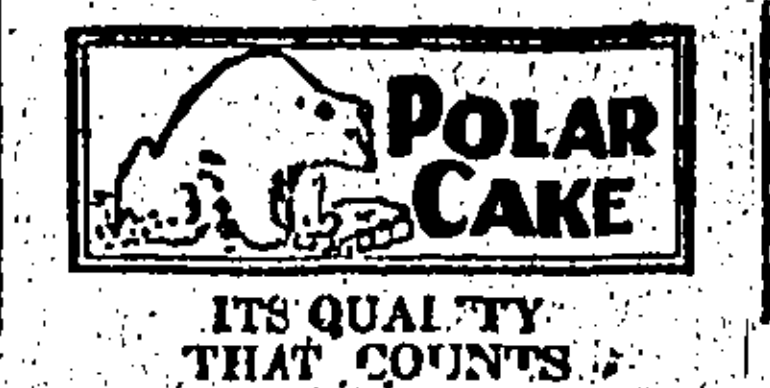
Hong Kong, 8th November, 1927.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

WITH Reference to the Notice to Shareholders of the above Company dated 10th June, 1927, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 30th November, 1927, instead of 30th June, 1927, the Directors of the Company have decided to further extend the time for payment of the Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 2nd APRIL, 1928, and that the forms of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 2nd April, 1928.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 8th November, 1927.



THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
THERAPION NO. 1
THERAPION NO. 2
THERAPION NO. 3

CAUSE CELEBRE.

ROUMANIA AND PRINCE CAROL.

DEFINITE CHARGE FRAMED.

Bucharest, Monday. The preliminary investigation of the case against Manolesco has been concluded and a definite charge has been published containing a list of 15 points on which Manolesco will be accused at his trial, which will begin on Thursday. Colonel Theodoreco has been liberated. The newspaper "Adeverul" says that Manolesco told the Magistrate that he did not intend to overthrow the Constitution; he declared that Prince Carol said that he was willing to sit on the Council of Regency and recognise the sovereignty of King Michael. —Reuter.

LABOUR "MAD."

DISPENSARY ASSISTANTS RAID A SHOP.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CAPITALISTS.

Shanghai, Nov. 4. The committee appointed by the local Japanese millowners' association to investigate and report on the advisability of curtailing operations, met again at 1 p.m. yesterday, at the Japanese Club, when it was unanimously decided to oppose curtailment, because for the present the mills are not experiencing much difficulty in disposing of their outputs.

Medicine Shop Raided. At about 3 p.m. yesterday, about 800 Chinese employees of a number of Chinese dispensaries went to the Liu Shou Dong medicine shop, outside the West Gate, and smashed everything on the premises. They also attempted to assault the proprietor, but were prevented from doing so by Chinese police. The latter arrested 35 persons who had participated in the disturbance. These prisoners are detained at the headquarters of the Shanghai Public Safety Bureau at the Great East Gate. It is believed that the disturbance resulted from indignation which is felt towards the proprietor of the medicine shop, who failed to grant concessions which the employees and employees agreed upon in April.

Flature Workers Strike. About 1,000 workers employed in the Ching Chong silk flature struck work at 1 p.m. yesterday, as a protest against the watchman refusing to allow the juvenile workers to leave the mill during working hours to purchase food. These workers resumed their morning, after the management had agreed to make the following concessions:

1.—That any worker be allowed to leave the mill, but he must produce a permit from the factory management, and that these permits be given to all employees; all employees to apply for them at the office.

2.—That 75 per cent. of one day's wages be issued to all workers for November 3, the day on which work was stopped.

Wing On Mill Idle. The strike of workers in the Wing On cotton mill, numbering about 3,000 hands, which began on October 31, continues.

Protest Against "Traitors." The following are the translations of notices found posted in Melchow Road yesterday:

"Workers of the Factory! The capitalists have employed labour to assault us, and have arrested more than ten of our comrades. Such brutality is indeed intolerable. Accordingly, we have decided to declare a strike to enforce the following demands: 'That all labour traitors be dismissed; that all those who have been arrested be released; and compensated; that female labour traitors, Loh Siu-mei, be dismissed; that an apology be tendered by the capitalists to the Union; that all concessions agreed upon already be fulfilled; and that all dismissed workers be reinstated.'"

"The Wing On Cotton Mill Workers, November 2."

Another notice reads: "Order to strike! 'Fellow workers:—The management of the Wing On Cotton Mill have dared to instigate their armed labour traitors to assault the female worker, Loh Siu-mei, and arrested more than ten of our comrades. Such an unreasonable action on the part of the employers should be strongly opposed. Consequently we held a meeting last night, and decided to declare a strike on November 2, to enforce the following demands: 'That all labour traitors be dismissed; that all those who have been arrested be released and compensated; that the female labour traitor, Loh Siu-mei (?) be dismissed; that an apology be tendered by the capitalists to the Union; that all concessions agreed upon already be fulfilled and that all dismissed workers be reinstated.'"

"During the period of the strike all workers should act in accordance with the order of the Labour Union."

The Strike Committee of the Wing On Cotton Mill Workers' Union. —"Shanghai Mercury"

OBITUARY.

FORMER COMMODORE IN HONG KONG.

ADMIRAL SIR F. POWELL.

The death has taken place at Home of Admiral Sir Francis Powell who from 1899 to 1902 was Commodore in charge of the Royal Naval Dockyard and Naval establishments in Hong Kong. Sir Francis, prior to his service in the China station, had seen service in command of the cruiser "Phoebe" on the Cape and West Coast station where he had taken part in several actions which earned him the distinction of C.B. Sir Francis was in Hong Kong during the Boxer risings. The establishments under his control were kept working at high pressure in consequence of these disturbances and as Commodore he stimulated energy and contributed largely to the maintenance of the fleet during the operations in the North. For this valuable service he was created K.C.M.G. on his return and was awarded a good service pension.

Sir Francis was promoted to Rear-Admiral in January 1903, but was not employed in any command afloat, and retired as Vice-Admiral in February, 1907. He was promoted to Admiral on the retired list in April 1911.

FIREMAN KILLED.

VERDICT AND RIDER AT THE INQUEST.

JURY'S RECOMMENDATION.

In connection with an inquest held on a Chinese fireman who was killed by a fall while at drill, Major C. Wilson, Coroner, and a jury viewed the scene of the accident at the Central Fire Station, where they witnessed a demonstration of the actual operation which resulted in the fireman's fatal fall.

The inquiry was then resumed at the Central Magistracy when evidence was given showing that, during the exercise, the fireman slid through the air on a life-line from the upper floor of the building. He was then secured to an aerial rope by a hook-bell. By some means—presumed to be due to a sudden twist of the body—the rope was displaced, causing it to slide through the tongue clip of the hook. He then became detached from the rope and dropped to the ground, being killed instantaneously.

The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death" and found that no one was to blame. They added a rider that it was advisable to fix a safety catch to the belt, and recommended that compensation be made to the family of the deceased.

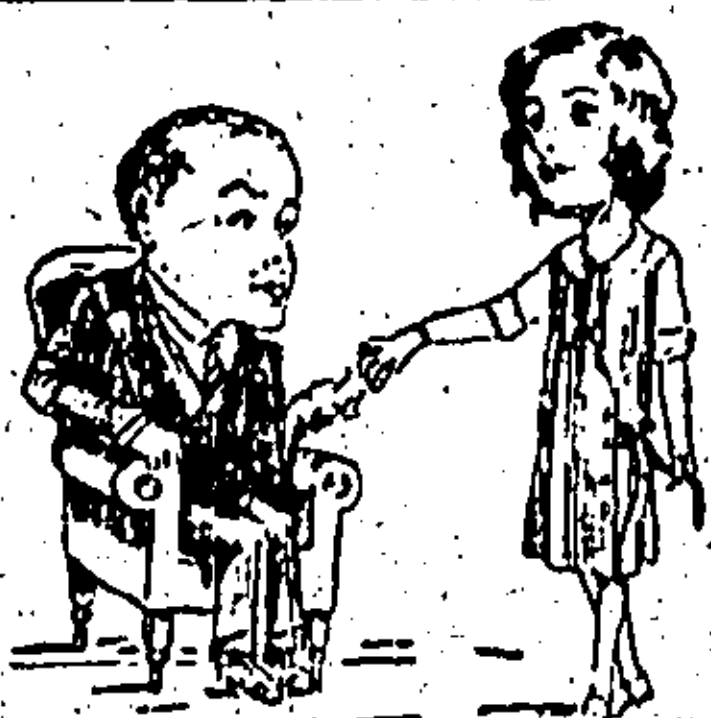
STAR THEATRE.

RETURN OF THE NEW OUR CABARET.

SOME NEW TALENT.

Mr. Charles Chamier's London vaudeville company, which scored such a big success in Kowloon last August, is to begin a return season at the Star Theatre on Sunday next—not at the Queen's Theatre as previously announced. The company will present a series of light revues on the lines of those it presented when here before but of course with new sketches and other innovations. Performances will begin nightly at 9.15, and prices of admission will be the popular \$3, \$2, and \$1. Booking is at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

The new Our Cabaret's coming season at the Star Theatre should be even more successful than the last, for the company returns from the North strengthened in numbers and talent. Mlle. Katinka, a Russian singer of note, who recently made a great impression at the Odeon Theatre in Shanghai, is a valuable addition to the company, and the Colony this time will have the privilege of seeing Miss Muriel Varna, a comedienne of distinction and charm, who was unable to play in Kowloon last August owing to illness.



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JURISDICTION LAW.

RELATIONS OF FOREIGNERS AND CHINESE.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

A case involving a question of jurisdiction and having an important bearing on the relation of foreigners and Chinese in Shanghai was heard by Judge John C. H. Wu in the Shanghai Provisional Court last Thursday (says the "N.C. Daily News") when Elof. Hanson sued Mrs. Y. C. Cheng and others in connection with a piece of land near Li Yuen Road, West Gate, Nantao. Plaintiff was represented by Mr. H. D. Rodger, and Mr. L. C. Yang appeared for the defence.

Plaintiff's petition showed that, on August 6, 1924, the deceased husband of the first defendant conveyed and transferred to the Stromwall Trading Co. the land in payment for Tls. 15,000 worth of "B" shares of the said company's stock, which he had purchased. On July 19, 1927, the Stromwall Trading Co. mortgaged the land to plaintiff as security for the payment of Tls. 15,300. When plaintiff later investigated the legal title of the land, he found that four bills of sale were missing. Demands were made on defendants for the payment of Tls. 15,300 in cash or the missing documents, but defendants failed to meet the demands. Plaintiff, the petition continued, was entitled to foreclose on the land to realise it in cash for payment of the sum mentioned, and so he prayed for an order that the land be sold by private sale, or auction, or for the payment of Tls. 15,300, etc.

The Defence.

Defendants denied the allegations in toto, and said that plaintiff had no right to interfere in the case. In their answer, they stated that they had been living for the past five years and were still living outside the Settlement limits. The land in dispute was also situated outside the Settlement. Deceased it was stated, subscribed for Tls. 15,000 "B" shares in the Stromwall Trading Co., and the deeds for the land were deposited with the company. No mortgage deed was executed by deceased. Plaintiff had no right to accept the alleged mortgage, nor did the Stromwall Trading Co. have any right to mortgage the property. Defendants further alleged that deceased and one Ling Siu-liang established the Stromwall Trading Co. with a capital of Tls. 80,000 as a limited liability company, and deceased was elected chairman of the board of directors. Upon his death, the board of directors, at defendants' request, entrusted the deeds to Ling Siu-liang, and all the members signed a document to that effect. After all the foreign managers went home, the management was turned over to Ling, during whose administration for a year there had been mismanagement and misconduct. Three months before the expiration of the agreement, defendants notified the company of their withdrawal and asked for an accounting. A report was received by them in which it was stated that there had been a loss of Tls. 69,000 or more. In view of this, the answer continued, "it clearly appears that Ling Siu-liang planned to defraud the defendants and fraudulently secured foreign assistance, and the plaintiff, in conjunction with Ling, merely abused his extrajurisdictional rights to oppress a widow and an orphan."

Civil Law Quoted.

The following reasons were then given in the answer:—

1. Art. 14 of the Chinese Civil Procedure provides that actions must be brought before the Court of the general forum of the defendant, unless an exclusive jurisdiction is provided by law. The general forum of a person is determined by his residence. Art. 25 of the same law provides that actions concerning real rights in immovables or concerning partition or boundaries of immovables shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the court of the place where such immovables are situated. In view of the above, this Court has no jurisdiction over the action.

2. According to the law, no conveyance, transfer or mortgage of immovables is valid unless there is a deed. No mortgages of deeds relating to real properties are valid without the written consent or ratification of the mortgagors. As defendants in this action have never executed any written mortgage or deeds of whatsoever nature, the plaintiff's action is baseless.

Defendants then prayed that plaintiff's action be dismissed. Mr. Rodger said that, with reference to his learned friend's allegations regarding Ling Siu-liang planning to defraud defendants and fraudulently securing foreign assistance from the plaintiff who "merely abused his extrajurisdictional rights," he thought that this was an unfair, and certainly a false, statement which was an attempt to prejudice the mind of the Court. When the case was completed and all the evidence was before the Court, he felt that Mr. Yang would withdraw his statements and apologise.

Question of Jurisdiction. The question of jurisdiction was then proceeded with. Mr. Yang

first enumerated his reasons which were in the nature of a demurrer to the jurisdiction of the Court. Under Art. 14 and 15 of the law of criminal procedure, he said, this jurisdiction of the Court was confined to defendants' residence. The Shanghai District Court had jurisdiction in this case. Could a mixed case be brought to the attention of this (the Provisional) Court when defendants resided outside the Settlement? Did the treaties between China and Sweden state that Chinese residing outside the Settlement could be brought to the Provisional Court? If a Chinese who resided outside the Settlement could be sued in this Court, then this Court had jurisdiction over any Chinese anywhere in China. There was no treaty between China and Sweden by which a Chinese could be brought before the Provisional Court. Experience showed that, in cases where a foreigner sued a man in the District Court and a Consul with extraterritorial rights asked for leave to send an official to watch the case, such requests always had been refused. In real estate transactions, a man must be sued before the Court of a forum, i.e., where the land was, and the land in dispute was outside the Settlement. A Swedish subject could not own property in the interior.

Mr. Rodger's Reply.

Mr. Rodger, in reply, said that the rules of the agreement for the rendition of the Mixed Court stated that the following cases came within the jurisdiction of the Shanghai Provisional Court:—

1. Mixed criminal cases arising on foreign vessels within harbour limits.

2. Mixed criminal cases arising on foreign property, including Municipal roads outside the limits of the Settlement, but within the districts of Shanghai and Paoshan.

3. Mixed civil cases arising in the surrounding areas within the districts of Shanghai and Paoshan. In the first place, said Mr. Rodger, plaintiff was not asking that the property be handed over to a Swedish subject, but merely for an order that the property be sold and that plaintiff be paid Tls. 15,300. Plaintiff had all documents of title. He had also written authorisations from defendants to transfer the property, and this could not be repudiated. The regulations under which the Mixed Court was handed back did not relate to mixed cases concerning personal property only. All disputes between foreigners with extraterritorial rights and Chinese

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arising in the surrounding areas within the district of Shanghai and Paoshan came within the jurisdiction of the Provisional Court; mixed cases which related to realty were not excluded. Had it been the intention of the contracting parties, i.e., the Consular Body and the Kiangsu Provincial Government, to exclude mixed cases which related to realty, this would have been mentioned in the rendition agreement. Under the present agreement, all mixed cases arising in the surrounding areas within the two districts came within the jurisdiction of the Court. It was a well known principle of law that, when special rules of procedure, regulations, or laws were made governing a particular area, those special rules, regulations or laws superseded and took precedence over general laws. The law quoted by Mr. Yang was the general law of China, which was superseded by the special law for this area as specified in the rendition agreement. After hearing counsel at length, Judge Wu overruled defendants' objection to the Court's jurisdiction and Mr. Yang asked for a written opinion, as he wished to lodge an appeal on the question.

The case was then adjourned for His Honour to write his decision.

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SHIPPING

SECTION.

"IRENE" PIRACY.

SEVEN SUSPECTS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

DEFENCE DISCLOSED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lindell committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions the seven Chinese charged with piracy on board the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's s.s. "Irene" on October 19 last.

The case for the Crown having been closed in the morning, the defence was opened in the afternoon, when Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jun., instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen., who appeared for the fourth accused, addressed the Magistrate and briefly outlined his defence.

Dealing with some of what he called the salient facts of the case as they had come out in evidence, Mr. d'Almada said that the first fact he wished to bring to the Court's notice was that the "Irene" was a Chinese ship, sailing under Chinese flag, and carrying a Chinese crew and Chinese passengers. Also, she was bound from one Chinese port to another Chinese port.

His second point was that the firing on the "Irene" and the arrest of the alleged pirates took place within Chinese territorial waters.

Proceeding to give his view of the international law with regard to jurisdiction in territorial waters, and international law with regard to piracy, Mr. d'Almada said that it had for a long time been generally known that a State has dominion and jurisdiction over a certain portion of the water washing its coast. The question of this portion had varied from time to time, but it had for some considerable period been settled at one marine league, or three miles.

Coming to the question of piracy, Mr. d'Almada said that this being an offence against all countries, it is, as a rule, triable and punishable everywhere. To this rule, however, there is one exception namely, the act of piracy as an offence against the municipal law of a particular State.

Applying this point to the case before the Court, they got this: That the conditions necessary for this act of piracy to be one against the municipal law of any particular State are satisfied in this case.

Continuing, Mr. d'Almada submitted that the present case came under the ruling of Lord Justice Mellish in the case of the Attorney-General of Hong Kong versus Kwok Ah Shing, and it was therefore an offence against the municipal law of China. The proper authorities for trying, and

punishing the accused, if they were found guilty, were the Chinese, and the proper procedure in this case would be to hand these alleged pirates over to the Chinese authorities for trial.

Further, to strengthen his case, Mr. d'Almada mentioned the fact that the arrest of these seven Chinese took place within the territorial waters of China. He added that no proof was necessary that China has laws dealing with piracy.

Mr. Lindell: Your contention practically amounts to this, that the Hong Kong authorities have no jurisdiction.

Mr. d'Almada: Yes, Your Worship.

Mr. Lindell: That makes it quite clear.

Statements by Accused.

After all the accused had been duly warned, all the "undefended" ones, with the exception of No. 1, made statements.

Second accused said: "I boarded the steamer to go to Amoy in order to find an Englishman named Pitt, who is employed in a dock at Amoy, with a view to getting employment. When the 'Irene' reached the entrance of Amoy, a piracy started. I was then on deck. The pirates called upon me to lend them assistance, and threatened to shoot me if I refused. I had no alternative but to obey. Even the European officers obeyed, therefore, how could I, a mere passenger, disobey them? I was forced to act as a pirate, and I may add that this was against my will. I have been in foreign employment for 26 years, mostly on English vessels. As late as last year I was on an English vessel, picked up a knowledge of English in the engine room. I did not learn English to become a pirate."

Mr. Lindell: What is the good of talking nonsense. People don't learn English to become pirates.

Continuing, the second accused claimed that he had been falsely accused, and ended up by thanking his Worship for patiently writing down his statement.

The third accused's statement was similar to No. 1's. He also claimed that he had been compelled by the pirates to work. He added that all the pirates were Southerners, and therefore the Northerners at the identification parades called every Southerner a pirate.

Fifth accused said he was a passenger on the "Irene" and was proceeding to Amoy to find employment.

Sixth accused stated that the only connection he had with the pirates was that he smoked two pipes of opium with one of them in the steward's quarters.

Seventh accused said that he was given a chopper by the pirates in order to chop some strings. He was assured by the pirates that because he was a Cantonese he had nothing to fear.

The Magistrate then committed all the accused for trial.

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WIRELESS OPERATORS.

CHANGES IN CANTON RIVER BOATS.

A change in the wireless operators on the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats took place yesterday, on the return from hospital of Mr. Emmanuel after a bad bout of typhoid.

Mr. Emmanuel returns to his old ship, the s.s. "Lungshan," while Mr. Lee, his temporary relief, reverts to his original post as operator of s.s. "Kinsan." Mr. Davis goes from the s.s. "Kinsan" back to the s.s. "Sui Tai."

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning: North Wall Basin, Kharki; South Wall Basin, Somme, Tarantula and Onslaught; East Wall Basin, Subs. L4, L15 and L19; In Dock, Thracian, Sepoy and L20; Talkoo Dock, Peter and Tern; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 6, Titania and Subs. L2, L3, L7 and L8; Buoy 7, Durban; Buoy 8, Ambrose and Subs. L5, L27 and L1; Buoy 9, Marston; Buoy 11, Serapis; Buoy 13, Bruce; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 20, Franco and Belgol; Other Men-of-War, U.S.S. Pampanga.

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THIS MORNING'S LIST.

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Taiping (2582) British, from Melbourne, Manila—B. & S.—125 passengers, 449 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 210 tons general (through).

Gen Metzinger (5524) French, from Yokohama, Shanghai—M. M.:—215 passengers, 3 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 954 tons general (through).

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Buho Maru (1,565) Japanese, from Dairen—O. S. K.—8,428 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing Co.—56 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autau—Fook Hoi & Co.—65 passengers, 125 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hing Tai (1,210) Chinese, from Samarinda—G. Grumble & Son:—2,118 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Poo Sang (729) Chinese, from K. C. Wan—Tung Fat S.S. Co.:—600 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

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For Hoihow—Taiwa Maru.

Clearances.

For Singapore—Delta.

For Hoihow—Phranang, Borneo.

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Japanese 1 2 4

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Chinese 5 2 14

French 2 1 2

Portuguese 0 1 2

American 0 2 1

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KHIBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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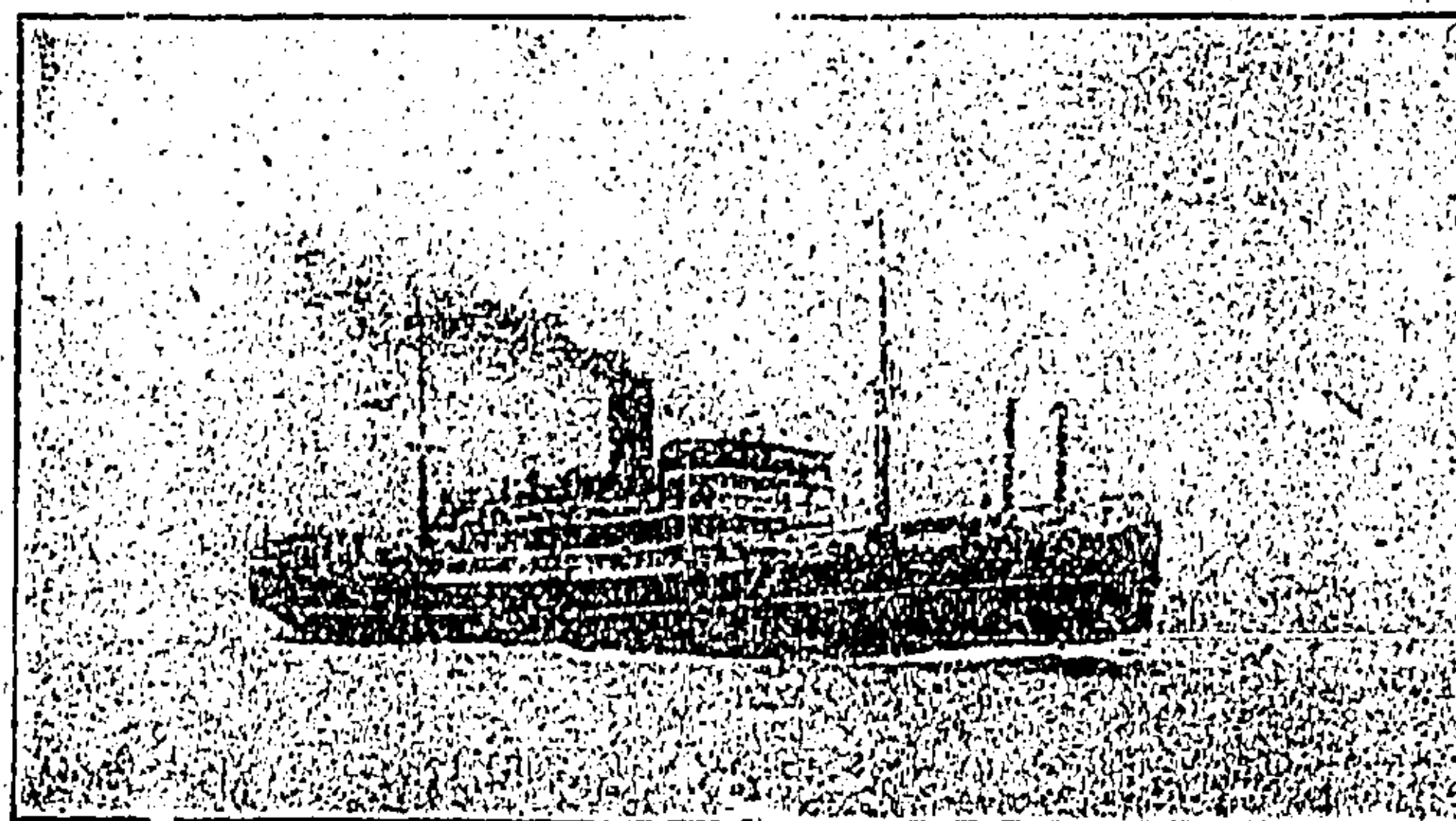
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PARLIAMENT IN CHINA.

Parliament has resumed after the Recess and no time has been lost in asking questions in regard to the situation in China. There is, fortunately, a vast difference in public opinion at Home on Chinese affairs to-day as compared with, say, this time last year when Parliament reassessed for a brief spell before the Christmas holidays. The state of mind of the average man, and, indeed, of the average politician at Home then may best be described as chaotic, thanks to the continual embarrassment of the extremist Labour and Socialist sections to whom the slogan "Hands off China" was as meat and drink to them in their fiery denunciations of British policy in China. Events since then have succeeded to a great extent in unmasking Britain's real enemies and demonstrated in no unmistakable manner that British policy has never wavered an inch from what it has always been since affairs as regards foreigners in China reached a crisis. Moreover, some of these events, such as the Arcos House raid and the raid on the Soviet Legation quarters in Peking, combined with the striking disclosures of the unsuccessful attempts of the Communists to gain control of the Trade Unions machinery at Home, have considerably shaken the extremists both in and out of Parliament in their convictions in relation to Britain's real role in China.

The statement made in the House of Commons yesterday by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs was of a more reassuring character than that given by him on the occasion of his last speech in July. As a

sult of the investigations of the British Trade Mission on the Yangtze it has been found possible for British shipping companies to resume a restricted service from Hankow to Changsha, where conditions were found to be distinctly improved, there being no sign of anti-foreign feeling, and the Communist element being sternly repressed. Chungking also was found to be quiet, with little anti-foreign feeling and the rigid suppression of Communism. Elsewhere on the Yangtze the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs was able yesterday to report similarly encouraging conditions for the resumption of British shipping and trade. The conclusion to be arrived at is the same in every case—eliminate the Communist elements in China and the average Chinese leader, military or political, is ready to treat with foreigners on the same friendly basis as in the past. Isolated instances of Generals here and troops there running amok so to speak, and expressing hostility to foreigners may be expected to occur in a country over-ridden by civil war. These can always be dealt with on their demerits. British diplomacy shall always be found equal to any emergency.

In conclusion the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs made reference to the anti-British boycott at Canton, but here, too, he could not be at all considered pessimistic in his statement. His apparent brevity on this subject is in itself reassuring. The British Government is considering the steps to be taken to deal with this development, whilst the local authorities are making endeavours to restrain the pickets, who have not yet functioned on the river. This fits in with all that has already been said on the subject in the "China Mail," and requires no elaboration.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ARMISTICE DAY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—May we trespass on the space in your columns for the purpose of bringing to the notice of all men who served in the War 1914-18 that it is hoped to secure a record attendance of Ex-Servicemen at the Armistice Day, November 11, at 9.30 a.m. (not 10 a.m. as originally stated). The service will be a short one and will be followed by the ceremony of laying wreaths on the Cathedral Memorial to Hong Kong men.

From the Cathedral those attending who prefer can proceed independently to the Cenotaph for the customary ceremony of remembrance. Those who are unable to be present at the Cathedral should make a point of being at the Cenotaph.

In Hong Kong the large number of Regular units present should make the ceremony this year particularly impressive, and it is hoped that the attendance of ex-Servicemen, whether or not belonging to the undersigned Associations, may be worthy of the occasion.

It may be pointed out that a special effort is being made at Home this year in this connection by ex-Servicemen Associations.—Yours, etc.,

F. HAYLEY BELL,
President,
Ex-Active Service Men's Association.

G. K. HALL BRUTON,
President, British Legion,
Hong Kong, Nov. 8, 1927.

DEFENCE FORCE.

PRaise FOR CONDUCT IN CHINA.

ADMIRALTY & CANTEENS.

The London correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" writes on October 13:

The announcement was made, at the last meeting of the Headquarters Naval Canteen Committee, that the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutes definitely had proposed to the Admiralty to take over the canteens in His Majesty's Ships on the China Station, and that this suggestion was under consideration. China is the only one of the big stations at which the N.A.A.F.I. have not hitherto been in full operation. Their activities were extended there earlier in the year, following the despatch of ships to the Far East from other stations, and reports received indicate that the Institutes are giving satisfaction, and are holding their own as compared with the canteens in ships with Chinese contractors, while continuing to pay the higher rate of rebate. A permanent N.A.A.F.I. area manager has been appointed to Hong Kong, and the base will be organised similarly to Malta.

It is officially stated that the men of Section "A" of the Army Reserve who were called up last January for service in China will return home between the middle of October and the end of November. These men, numbering 1,650, responded promptly to the calling-up notices, although most of them were in civil employment at the time and many were married. Their conduct while with the Colours in China has been very favourably reported upon. It is understood that many employers have agreed to reinstate these men who were previously in their employment, and the Secretary of State confidently hopes that this patriotic example will be followed by all the men's former employers. These men who have no employment to go to on their return Home will be advised to register their names with the local representatives of the National Association for Employment of Regular Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen. Any employer desirous of offering employment to any individual should communicate with the local representative of the National Association, or with the head offices of the Association, 119, Victoria Street, Westminster, London S.W.1.

"THE DAILY BITE."

FOUR FRESH CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

A PIPE-MAJOR TREATED.

Quite a crop of dog bite reports was made to the Police yesterday. Two dogs, one owned by Pipe-Major Mackay and the other by Pte. Tate, of the K.O.S.B., were yesterday removed to Kennedy Town for observation after one of the animals had bitten the Pipe-Major in the left hand. Mr. Mackay went to the Military Hospital for treatment.

A Dairy Farm coolie was bitten by a dog in Conduit Road yesterday. He went to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment, while the dog was captured and taken to Kennedy Town for observation. A mongrel terrier bit a seaman employed on board a Taikoo Dock lighter, which was tied up alongside the seawall of the China Navigation Company's yard at Bayview. The seaman was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, whilst the dog is under observation at Kennedy Town.

Mrs. Kowazaki, a Japanese, living at No. 458 Nathan Road, Kowloon, was bitten by a dog yesterday, and had to receive treatment from a private medical practitioner. The dog has been sent to the Mataukok Depot.

Suffering from very serious injuries received when a bag of beans fell on him whilst he was working in the China Merchants' godown in Connaught Road West, a coolie had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday in an unconscious condition.

A Chinese yesterday attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour from the motor boat "Wee Lee" whilst she was in mid-stream. He was rescued and brought to the Government Civil Hospital.

THRILLING SHOW.

"BULLDOG DRUMMOND" IN INTERPORT WEEK.

EARLY BOOKING DESIRABLE.

Those who have not booked their seats for the A.D.C.'s forthcoming production of "Bulldog Drummond" will be well advised to take the necessary steps immediately, as the demand for seats is very strong. Meanwhile, the finishing touches are being put to what promises to be one of the most memorable shows ever put on by the A.D.C. A visit to the Theatre Royal last week found the stage a veritable pandemonium, with carpenters, scene shifters, electricians, etc., all working hard to bring the various mechanical effects to perfection. There are six scenes and this means a lot of hard work, as the success of the production very largely depends on the quick shifting of scenery.

The cast has suffered a distinct loss owing to the departure from the Colony of that fine actor, Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, but his part has been taken up by Mr. A. J. Lucey, who needs no introduction to Hong Kong audiences. Mr. M. M. Mans, who made such a success in "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne," has this time a part of a totally different kind. The debonaire "Charles" gives place to that thoroughly bad man, "Carl Peterson." He is supported in his villainous by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks as the cruel and cold-blooded Dr. Lakington. We are told that the A.D.C. had some difficulty in casting the part of the American detective owing to the shyness of the American community. A very worthy substitute, however, been found in Mr. R. H. Charles who, in his outpourings against Prohibition, will be found to out-herod Herod. Evidently riding winners is not his only accomplishment. Mr. G. C. Stopani, Thomas and Captain E. S. G. Howard, M.C., as Drummond's pals add the necessary touch of lightness and frivolity.

Altogether, playgoers are promised some thrilling evenings at the Theatre Royal during the Interport week.

GARDEN FETE.

DETAILS OF ST. PETER'S CLUB FUNCTION.

AN EVENING CONCERT.

Every one knows about the Garden Fete which is being held on the grounds of the St. Peter's Young Men's Club (1, Oakland Path) on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m.

It has been widely advertised and talked about, and a large attendance is expected for it promises to be a really good show with its many attractive stalls, side shows, variety concerts, dances and orchestras. A very large number of helpers have willingly come forward to assist and have devoted five weeks of concentrated effort to organise the various features of the Fete.

Most of the organisation of the Fete has been done by Mr. G. W. R. Griggs, the Rev. N. V. Halward (Chairman of the Club), Mr. Peter Pau, Miss R. Mow Fung, Mr. G. S. Zimmern, Mr. Millar, Mr. W. A. Shea, Mr. F. Sande, Mr. Thomas Ng, and Mr. C. L. Clarke.

In the evening a carnival dance (to the "Tania Melodiana") Orchestra has been arranged. The tickets for these are already nearly sold out. Earlier in the day there will be a tea dante, and both the Entertainment and Refreshment Committees are to be congratulated on their efforts.

The objects are wholly devoted to local organisations—St. Peter's Church, the Club division of St. John Ambulance, The Kowloon Blind Home, and the Club itself.

One cannot help admiring the perfect harmony and readiness with which the work of preparation has been done. For the past month or so those running the stalls have given every hour of their spare time to making useful and attractive articles to fill their stalls. The resourcefulness of some of the helpers seems unlimited. The remark often made that one gets only rubbish at charity stalls will find that, at least in the coming Fete, useful things in abundance can be had.

There will be about 20 stalls and side shows, besides other attractions. Miss V. Capell will present the J-Pans at the evening concert which will last about two hours, commencing at 6.30 p.m. The afternoon concert, which starts at 2.30 p.m. is timed to finish at about 4.45 p.m. The chief artists are:—Mrs. B. Sanger, Mrs. Mather, Miss H. Ho, Miss Bragg, Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, and Lt.-Com. Bedells, R.N. A very fine stage has been erected on the spacious roof garden of the Club and, with the fine weather prevailing, these concerts should draw large crowds.

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P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Critics are not always cricketers!

"E left all we 'ad to the orphanage."
"Wot did 'e leave?"
"Our six kids!"

"My Gosh! That's my new hat you're sitting on!"
"Oh, yours, is it? You see how lucky I am; I thought it was mine!"

"If you weren't in the park, how is it that I saw you behind a tree?"
"Because the tree wasn't thick enough."

She (passionately): "How glorious it would be to quit this world together now!"
He: "Don't be in such a hurry. Some other day, perhaps; but I don't feel well to-day."

In manoeuvres: "Montigny? Yes; it's about ten miles as the crow flies."

"And if the crow has to walk, in full kit and with a gun, how far is it then?"

A very absent-minded man called upon his old friend, the family physician, one evening. After chatting for a couple of hours the doctor saw him to the door, and as he was shaking hands, said:
"Come again soon, old chap; family all well, I suppose?"
"Goodness!" exclaimed the visitor, "that reminds me of my errand. My wife's in a fit!"

Irate Housewife: "Here, look what you have done."
Laundryman: "I can't see anything wrong with that lace."
Housewife: "Lace! That was a sheet."

A pretty country girl entered a large drapery establishment. The shop was crowded, but presently one of the assistants approached her.

"Is there anybody waiting on you?" he asked, politely.
The girl blushed.
"Ay, but he won't come in," she replied.

The professor, coming home after a heavy storm, remarked to his wife that he had forgotten his umbrella. His wife, surprised that he even remembered he had forgotten anything, asked him when he had thought of it.

"Why, my dear," he said, with a smile of satisfaction, "when it stopped raining and I went to shut it."

Two little girls made friends while playing on the sands.
Said one: "Where do you live?"
In London," replied the other.
"That's where the King and Queen live, isn't it?"

"Yes," replied the little Londoner; and then, with becoming modesty, she added, "But not in our street."

The professor was trying to demonstrate a simple experiment in the generation of steam.
"What have I in my hand?" he asked.
"A tin can," came the answer.

"Exactly. Now, can anyone tell me how with this can it is possible to generate a surprising amount of speed and power almost beyond control?"

The answer came promptly.
"Tie it to a dog's tail!"

Nottinghamshire man—I said a lot, but did not use an expression.

First Knut: "Have you any brothers?"
Second Knut: "Yes, three. Two living and one married."

Tramp: "Kin I cut your grass for a meal, mum?"
Lady of the House: "Yes, my poor man. But you needn't bother cutting it, you may eat it right off the ground."

"I've never had a chance," said the man with the hang-dog expression. "No matter what I do my unlucky number pops up and gets me into trouble."

"What is your unlucky number?"
"Thirteen. Twelve jurors and one judge."

A motorist was in an accident. His motor-car had run over a man's toes and the victim was claiming damages.

"Great Scott! You want £40 for a damaged foot?" cried the astounded motorist.
"I say, I'm not a millionaire!"

"Perhaps you ain't," replied the victim, "and I ain't no contended neither."

"You seem to have had a very serious accident."
"Yes," said the bandaged person. "I tried to climb a tree in my motor-car."

"Good gracious! What did you do that for?"
"Just to oblige a lady who was driving another car. She wanted to use the road."

WAR NEWS.

FENGtien's CHOCHOW VIC-TORY DISCOUNTED.

THE SHANSI RAIDERS.

Peking, Nov. 4.
The "N.C. Daily News" Correspondent writes:
There has been an unusual development in the war situation during the past week. Chochow was several times reported captured by the Fengtien armies, but still remains in the hands of the Shansi raiding bands. The aggravated Generalissimo, Chang Tso-lin has threatened to go and take the place himself, but his staff officers have apparently persuaded him to give the matter a second thought. One curious feature of the situation is that the Shansi forces have been able to maintain communications through the mountains with their headquarters and that Fengtien's artillery and aeroplanes have so far been unable to dislodge the Chochow defenders, which provides much food for thought and speculation. Fighting on the Peking-Suiyuan line has been proceeding and it is reported that Tatum has been captured by the Chuhar troops, while it is now claimed that these latter forces have taken Suiyuan. If this is true, an advance into Shansi from the North is to be expected.

Feng Yu-hsiang's Collapse.

Peking, Nov. 4.
Marshal Chang Chung-chang's headquarters claims that, apart from bands of fugitives and a small garrison at Sinsiang, there are now no Kuomintang troops north of the Yellow River.

The Chihli-Shantung forces are enveloping Sinsiang, the fall of which is believed to be imminent.
North Shansi Taken.
The Fengtien push into north Shansi continues, according to official telegrams received here to-day. The Cabinet claims that Fengtien troops have entered Tsuyun, 30 miles to the west of Tatum-Reuters.

Gossip at Large.

Large movements of troops constitute the chief items of news from up-river ports. It is reported that 5,000 troops of the 36th Army who turned over to the Nationalists in Anhui are in the city while 12,000 additional arrived during Thursday from downriver. Gunboats are active there.

Further large numbers of troops passed through Chinkiang and crossed over to the Canal area during the past two days. Commanding of junks has now begun.

At Wuhu where a big demonstration was arranged for November 3 the situation is quiet, the gathering in question having passed off quietly with a poor attendance.

Trucks continue to arrive at Nanking loaded with troops and by rail from the south.

The Kuomintang Version.

Nanking, Nov. 4.
The Military Council announced to-day that the combined forces of Generals Chen Yao-chien, Wang Kuei-yuan and Yang Sen took Nanyang on Thursday. Tang Seng-chi's forces are now evacuating the river ports, retreating northward into Honan to come into line with the Chihli-Shantung forces.

The 2nd Army stationed in West Hupei, the 20th Army, and the division under the command of General Li Seng took Kangan, Tsiaikang, and Kueiyang in a row on Wednesday and are now pressing toward Yochow, with Wuhan as destination.

The entire forces under General Feng Chen-wu are enveloping Kuanhsui and Hailan.

In a meeting of the Government Council on Wednesday it was decided that a temporary political council for Hupei and Hunan should be organized, and that this political council should follow the advancing armies now entering the two provinces. The organization of this committee is delegated to Mr. Tan Yen-kai, and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Communications. The draft of the organization will be submitted to the Government Council in its scheduled meeting to-morrow.

The 42nd Army surrounded Hanchow on Wednesday. Many of the enemy troops surrendered. The enemy commander, Chang Tsung-fu fled to Tsingtao.

The Northwestern Army routed the Shantung-Chihli force in Liutichiu. Chao Ping-hsiung, commander of the 2nd division of the enemy forces was killed in action.

A Reported Dismissal.

It is reported from a reliable source that Chang Tso-lin dismissed Han Lin-chun as an army corps commander. Han was offered either to be the Mayor of Peking or the president of the Military College. He rejected the offer, and has left Peking for the Western Hills under the pretext that he is ill.—Wuo Min.

Shansi's Back Water.

Peking, Nov. 4.
It is learned on good authority that the Fengtien troops in the Peking-Suiyuan Railway zone, which captured Tatumfu on the 2nd instant, pressing hard on the Shansi troops, occupied Hailan on the following day and that Generals Tang Yu-lin and Kao Wei-yun fled out.

KIUKIANG UNSAFE.

FOREIGN WOMEN BACK IN THE UP-RIVER PORT.

INFLUX OF TROOPS.

A correspondent writes to the "N.C. Daily News":
British residents of Kiukiang have been told by the authorities that it is not considered advisable at the present time to grant permission to children to return. At present there are three ladies in Kiukiang all told.

During the past few days there has been a large influx of troops of Chu Peh-tah's 3rd Army from the south. In Kiukiang they have re-occupied all the mission houses. In the native city, they have extended their positions both towards Juichang on the Hupei border and Mateng on the Anhui border. They seem to be chiefly concerned with holding the Hupei border against a threatened attack by the troops of Tang Seng-chi, who are supposed to be concentrating in the neighbourhood of Wusueh.

Merchants Mulcted Again.

Until these recent troop movements the situation in the province was very peaceful and trade began to show signs of reviving. Paper notes have almost entirely disappeared and all business is done in silver and copper money. The crops throughout the province have been excellent and in the rice centres the price has dropped to \$5 per picul for first quality rice. Cost of transport, however, and taxes are high, so that by the time the rice reaches Kiukiang the price is nearer \$9. Owing to the good crops there should be no possibility of famine this winter, as was at one time feared.

The unfortunate merchants of Kiukiang are again to be mulcted by the officials. Twice in the past two years they have had to take their title deeds to hand to the yamens to be registered and each time they have had to pay a fee of 4 per cent. of the value of the property. A new order has gone out that properties are again to be registered, but this time the fee will be 10 per cent. of the value of the property. Refusal to register will entail confiscation of the property.

Young China's Swelled Head.

There was a sad accident at the railway station a few days ago, when a railway engine blew up, killing several people and wounding a number more. The Chinese here have a theory that there are too many Chinese and that Heaven has arranged for a sequence of plagues and accidents to reduce the surplus population. It is true there have been many accidents during the past year, but the real explanation is to be found in the teaching of the Nationalists, through which the youth of China acquires a swelled head and thinks it can run anything from a steam engine to a republic without knowledge or experience.

entered Tatumfu on the same day. The headquarters of Generals Chang Tso-hsiang, Commander-in-chief of the Fengtien troops in that zone, are also said to have advanced to Siwampu.

There is reason to believe that all the defeated Shansi troops that the exception of a part of their cavalry corps, finding the impossibility to make a further stand against their enemy outside Yenmenkuai, a stronghold on the Great Wall, retreated inside.—Toho.

Nanking v. Wuhan.

Shanghai, Nov. 4.
According to reliable news received from Wuhan, the Wuhan armies have abandoned Tungcheng and are beating a retreat towards Taihu, while the right wing of the Nationalist forces entered Tungcheng and the left wing captured Wangkiang.

The news further states that General Chu Pei-tah's attitude is still doubtful, but it has become clear that he has in mind no hostile intention against Nanking.—Toho.

Nationalist Mutiny.

The following from the "Shanghai Mercury" amplifies Reuters' cable received in Hong Kong:
The local Chinese press yesterday received a wire from the political training department of the 17th Nationalist Army, stationed at Tungchow, reporting that at 5 p.m. on November 2, when Commander Yu, of the 1st Division of the Army, received a wire from the political department of the 2nd Division, suddenly mutinied and looted the shops at Tungchow.

Upon learning of this, military forces were sent to the scene, and order was restored within two hours.

Several mutineers were executed, whilst over 200 others have fled. Investigation revealed that more than 20 shops lost over \$100,000. A search for the mutineers in the villages of the district is being carried out.

CLIMATES OF PAST.

NEW LIGHT ON PLANT HABITS.

CAUSE OF ICE AGES.

Leeds, Sept. 6.
The various sections of the British Association continued their sessions to-day, and there were a number of interesting papers and discussions.

Professor A. C. Seward, the veteran botanist, introduced an important discussion, held by botanists, geologists, and physicists jointly, on the climates of the past geological ages. The first line of evidence, he said, came from the fact that the fossil remains of plants were found in the rocks in latitudes where such plants would not grow under the conditions of climate found in these regions to-day. The rocks of the Arctic regions contained remains of what would now be regarded as tropical or semi-tropical vegetation in the Upper Devonian, Rhenish, and Cretaceous beds. But was it certain that the presence of these plants was to be taken as direct evidence of warmer climates?

Tigers Amid Snow.

There were very closely allied species, some of which endured extreme cold and others luxuriated in the tropics. Zoologists had noted that the tiger, now chiefly associated with the steamy jungles of Asia, was an immigrant from the far North and still existed amidst the snows of Siberia. The habits of the same species of plants might have changed, and those which in their early vigour could endure the severest climates, might later on have had to retreat to less strenuous regions. Recent work by Fernald had shown that during the last glacial period a number of plants had persisted in the Gaspé Peninsula. Moreover, many genera were known to-day of which a few species were found at very high elevations, although most lived only low down under tropical conditions.

Even if the evidence for changes of climate in the past were deemed sufficient, to account for the changes was not simple. The changes were always the result of the Wegener hypothesis of continental drift and of the changing positions of the poles to be reckoned with. Perhaps it was possible, without exceeding theory, to find sufficient explanation in altered distribution of land and water.

Dr. G. C. Simpson, the Government meteorologist, addressed himself to these physical possibilities. There were three sets of factors which affected the geographical distribution of climates, and it might be useful to consider each of these separately, supposing the other two to remain fixed. These were changes in the distribution of land and sea, changes in the position of the earth's atmosphere, and changes in the amount of solar radiation. He would take first the effect in distribution of land and sea while the composition of the atmosphere and the solar radiation remained unchanged. The present distribution of land and sea was different in the two hemispheres, and yet the average mean temperatures along zones parallel with corresponding degrees of latitude north and south of the equator differed in most cases by less than 2 deg. Cent. Unless we were prepared to say that the result of these recent and very careful computations was a mere accident, it was plain that the distribution of land and sea had very little effect on the average temperature of the circles of latitude.

The physical explanation of the result was simple; the final temperature of a zone was determined largely by the general circulation of the atmosphere, which in turn was regulated by the difference in temperature between equatorial and polar regions. On the other hand, the distribution of land and water played a large part in determining the actual temperature in different parts of the same zone. This was clearly seen by the isotherms, the lines of identical average temperature. In the southern hemisphere these ran nearly parallel with the circles of latitude, but in the northern hemisphere they departed widely from them. He drew the inference that if there had been no change in the constitution of the atmosphere or in the solar radiation, the climatic zones must always have been much as they were now, and that the local variations could not have been greater than they were in the northern hemisphere to-day.

Water Vapour.

What would be the effect of the changes in the composition of the atmosphere, assuming the present distribution of land and water, and the present solar radiation? Water vapour was the most important constituent of the atmosphere from the point of view of heat economy, but it could not initiate a change of temperature. It could only modify, a change produced otherwise, and the modification would be only to reduce the amount of the change. Carbon dioxide had often been regarded as an important factor of change, but physicists were now agreed in rejecting the efficiency of that factor. Dust from volcanoes might seriously affect the amount of solar radiation received, and if geologists could show that abnormal volcanic activity preceded, and accompanied, glacial ages, there was a possible explanation of the necessary reduction of temperature.

Lastly he considered the effect of changes in solar radiation, the other factors remaining unchanged. The amount of solar radiation might vary either because the amount of energy radiated from the sun changed or because the relative positions of the sun and earth were constantly undergoing change. If the amount of solar radiation did diminish, certainly the temperature of the earth would fall. But even in that event it would not cause a different distribution of the zonal temperatures, but merely bring it about that these were imposed on a lower mean. The changes in radiation produced by the orbital changes of the earth relatively to the sun have recently been calculated, and it has been shown that there was a variation of radiation equivalent to a shift of altitude of 15 deg. Clearly that factor would have to be taken into account in considering changes in the climates of the past.

Mr. C. E. P. Brooks held that the cause of changes of climate was not astronomical, as Croll had supposed, as the heating and cooling had been all over simultaneously, and not at the poles alternately. Release of volcanic forces and consequent mountain building had been the chief cause of ice ages, and denudation, and the consequent increase in the superficial oceanic area had been the cause of the warm periods. The earth had been warm for the greater part of its seven or eight hundred million years as revealed by the rocks, but there had been ice ages—probably with short interglacial periods, repeatedly—roughly at intervals of about 250,000,000 years. We were still in the last of these short ages of ice.

PRECIOUS STONES.

CONTROVERSIAL BILL IN AFRICA.

AMENDMENTS PRESSED.

Cape Town, Yesterday.

Parliament has adjourned to January 25.
There will be, however, a joint sitting of the Senate and Assembly to-morrow to discuss the Precious Stone Bill as the Senate has insisted on its amendments to the Bill which the Assembly has refused to accept.—Reuters.

THEATRE "ROW."

ATTACK BY SEAMEN WITH SPANNERS.

ASSAILANTS IN CUSTODY.

The ticket collector of the Tai-ping Theatre was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital with head injuries alleged to have been caused by spanners in the course of an attack on him by three seamen of the No. 2 Fire-boat, who attempted to enter the theatre without tickets.

Two firemen from the Kowloon Fire Station were also alleged to have assisted the seamen in the assault upon the ticket collector. Chinese Detective Sergeant Wong Kam, who went to the ticket collector's assistance, was also struck with spanners and himself had to go to the hospital with head injuries.

The five alleged assailants have been detained.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

DETECTIVE WOUNDED IN THE LEG.

Kong Yu-ling, a Chinese detective attached to the Hongkong Police Station, was wounded in the leg, in a shooting affray with a gang of armed thugs at midnight on October 31. One of the gangsters was shot and killed on the spot, and the detective returned the fire.

While returning home after his night's duty, the victim was obstructed by three armed loafers on Mohawk Road. The assailants drew their pistols and the latter fired a shot ending the life of one thug instantly. A shot was fired by another gangster, penetrating the leg of the victim.

Foreign detective No. 181, heard the firing and rushed to the scene, but the two thugs had already made good their escape. The wounded man was soon taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital. His condition is not serious, says the "Shanghai Mercury".

Another version of the story is that when the two thugs, walking along Taku Road, at about 11.30 p.m., passed one C.P.C. on duty, the latter became suspicious, and instructed another C.P.C. When the constable ordered the men to stop, the latter pulled out pistols and began firing. The two C.P.C. (and the Chinese detective who was patrolling the district) gave chase, during which the exchange of shots continued, resulting in the Chinese detective receiving a flesh wound in the leg, and one of the robbers being dangerously wounded. He was taken to the hospital, where he died later on.

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Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

Queen's Theatre; "The Sand Goddess."

World Theatre; "The Booby."

Star Theatre; "The Dreamer from Paris."

Chinese Picture at World Theatre; "Ma Long Dong."

Tea Dance at Cafe Royal, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.; dinner dancing, 8 p.m.

Private carnival dance in Central British School, Nathan Road, Kowloon, 8.30 to midnight.

November 10—Dancing at Seamen's Institute under the auspices of the Dockyard Ladies' Club, 10.30 p.m.

November 10-11—Queen's Theatre; "The Untamed Lady."

November 10-11—World Theatre; "He Who Gets Slapped."

November 11—Poppy Day Carnival at Cafe Regent.

November 13—The new "Our Cabaret" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

November 10-11—Star Theatre; "The Spanish Dancer."

November 10—Musical at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.

November 13-14—Queen's Theatre; "Valencia."

November 13-14—World Theatre; "The Social Climber."

November 13-14—Star Theatre; "To the Last Man."

November 15—Queen's Theatre; "Behind the Front."

November 15-16—World Theatre; "Sea Horses."

November 15-16—Star Theatre; "Go West."

November 16-19—Queen's Theatre; "The Magician."

November 17-19—World Theatre; "The Midnight Sun."

November 17-19—Star Theatre; "The Cohens and Kellys."

November 14—Grand Carnival dance by R.E. & Royal Corps of Signals at R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

November 14—Musical treat in the City Hall given by Mrs. Percy Youngusband and Mr. Harry Ore.

November 19—Opening performance of the H.K.A.D.C. "Bulldog Drummond," Theatre Royal.

November 25—Dance in Engineers Institute.

December 9—At Theatre Royal opening performance of "Merrie England," 9 p.m.

Sports.

To-day—Eight bi-annual "Trevessa Trophy" race for ship's lifeboats, 4 p.m.

To-day—Waseda University Hockey Team v. The Army at the U.S.R.C., 4 p.m.

To-day—Hockey Match: H.K. H. Club 1st XI v. the Navy, Naval Sports ground, 5 p.m.

To-day—Ping-pong: C.A.A. v. T. Institute, at St. Peter's Club.

November 10—Steel & Coulson's Billiard League: St. Patrick's Club v. Queen's; Police v. D.R.C.; Ward v. Northants; Revenue v. K.O.S.B.; Garrison Sgt. Mess v. R.E. & R. Sigs.

November 11—Waseda University Hockey Team v. Royal Navy at R.N. Officers Sports Club, King's Park, 4 p.m.

November 11—Hockey "A" Team: H.K.H.C. v. K.O.S.B. at King's Park, 5 p.m.

November 11—Fauling Hunt, Hare and Hounds: Hunters' Arms, 2.30 p.m.

November 12—Waseda University Hockey Team v. Hong Kong Hockey Club, on Club ground at King's Park, 4 p.m.

November 13—Fauling Paper Hunt, November Cup: Sheungshui Police Station, 10.45 a.m.

November 26—Eight Extra Race Meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

December 2—Autumn meeting of the Fauling Hunt.

To-day—Monthly meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild of China, 67 Des Voeux Rd., 6 p.m.

November 10—Meeting of creditors (re Macao Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., in liquidation) at the liquidators' office, 3 Queen's Road, noon.

November 21—Extraordinary meeting of Prince's Bldg. and Land Co., Ltd., at Registered Office of the Company in Prince's Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

November 29—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Lecture at Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

To-day—Real Club eighth practice, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

To-day—L. R. C. Committee "At Home" to members and friends at Club ground, Peak Road, when Hard Court finals will be played off, from 5 p.m.

November 12—St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club garden fete.

November 17—Annual church parade to Union Church.

November 17—Vice-President and Committee of the "Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home" to members and their friends at Helena May Institute.

November 25—Laying of foundation stone of the new Wanchai Wesleyan building.

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HONG KONG.

H.M.S. "Vindictive" arrived
in Shanghai from Tsingtao last
Thursday.

The six students arrested by
police and military in the School
of Science of the National Sci-
entific University, Shanghai, were
released.

A greater and more com-
prehensive International Club will
be the keynote of an enthusiastic ad-
dress delivered to the members of
the International (Tennis) Club at
Peking recently by Mr. Hardy
Jowett, chairman.

Hotels and public lodging-
houses in Frenchtown, Shanghai,
are being searched by members of
the French police force, with the
purpose of apprehending unde-
sirables sheltering there. The
Annamite troops from Tonkin are
on patrol duty every evening.

Francisco Castro, post office em-
ployee, has been released from the
custody of the secret service upon
order of Guillermo Guevara, city
fiscal, says a Manila paper. The
secret service and the fiscal's office
have not found evidence tending
to implicate him in the disappear-
ance of a Pesos 20,000 package.

Two men in the Provisional
Court, Shanghai, were remanded in
custody last Saturday for inciting
another to murder Loh Taung-fu,
proprietor of the Asia Trading
Company, who was wounded in the
hand and left shoulder as he was
on his way to office some weeks
ago.

It is reported from Tientsin
that Governor Lin has announced
that commencing from November 1
an increased duty upon salt in
Shantung amounting to two cents
per lb. will be imposed for the aid
of war operations, so as to reduce
the burdens upon the Government
Financial Bureau.

The long blank wall of the
Temple of Heaven, fronting on the
North Homan Road, Shanghai, re-
cently has been repainted with
large Chinese characters, a trans-
lation of which, now in the hands
of the police, shows that the priest-
hood urges that the Chinese should
take over the International Settle-
ment.

In response to an urgent mes-
sage from the District Magistrate
of Taungming, the Shanghai Gar-
rison Commissioner has despatched
a gunboat and two companies of
troops and marines to the island to
suppress a serious movement which
is said to have started there. Rob-
bers and pirates are reported to
have joined forces and to have cap-
tured a police station and some
twenty rifles. The district police
chief and several of his men were
taken prisoners, and one officer
was killed in an attempt to resist.

One case of enteric fever
(Chinese) was reported yesterday.

On Sunday, October 31, 516
persons attended the symphony
concert at the Town Hall, Shang-
hai.

The Nanking Ministry of Fin-
ance has ordered the establishment
of a financial adjustment bureau
in Shanghai, states the Chinese
press.

According to the Japanese
press, the Japanese mill-owners in
Shanghai have decided to curtail
production, with the inevitable re-
duction in staffs.

The Nanking Military Council
has instructed the Shanghai Gar-
rison Commissioner to arrest cer-
tain persons who are known to be
recruiting in Shanghai, allegedly
for Feng Hu-shang's army, and to
deal drastically with them.

T. O. Teppers, a German en-
gineer, who is undergoing a prison
sentence in the Amoy Road jail,
was brought up in the Provisional
Court, Shanghai, last Friday,
charged with obtaining goods from
different Japanese complainants,
and tendering worthless cheques
in payment, and was remanded.

Pictures showing in the local
cinemas for the last time this eve-
ning in addition to "The Blind
Godess" at the Queen's Theatre,
are "The Dressmaker From Paris"
in the continuous programme at
the Star Theatre; and "The Boob"
at the World Theatre. "The Boob"
is being shown at 5.15 and 9.20
only. The attraction at the 2.30
and 7.15 performances, also show-
ing for the last time, this evening,
is the Chinese light comedy "Ma
Long Dong."

The troopship "Somersetshire"
is due in Hong Kong to-day with
drafts for the 1st Northampton
shires the complete Battalion of
which it will later convey to
Shanghai. The Queen's Royal Re-
giment are taking the place of the
Northamptonshires at Hankow
Barracks, Shanshuip. The 2nd
Scots Guards are also stationed at
Nanking Barracks, Shanshuip,
but at present are in camp at Lowu
and likely to remain there until
near Christmas.

Last autumn, Peiyang uni-
versity's appeal for help in its de-
partment of mechanical engineering
met with many responses from
British, American, and Swiss en-
gineering manufacturers and com-
panies. This autumn, many Ger-
man firms also are beginning to
make gifts of aid of Peiyang. Of
the latter, the most notable help
given to the university was by
Carlowitz and Co. of Tientsin who
communicated with the different
factories in Germany and so secured
their valuable assistance for the
University.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Graham Brown returned yes-
terday from Australia by the s.s.
"Tanda."

Col. George G. Straube, of the
Yangtze River Conservancy Board,
has gone to Peking on business.

Miss Sarah Bosworth, of the Mis-
sion Book Company, has returned
to Shanghai after a vacation of six
weeks in the Philippines.

Mr. A. A. Ewing, Shanghai man-
ager of the Shanghai Electric Con-
struction Co., together with Mrs.
Ewing, returned to Shanghai last
week.

The marriage of Mr. K. K. Staple
and Miss M. J. Warbrick will take
place at St. John's Cathedral on
Monday, at 2.45 p.m., with a recep-
tion afterward at the Hong Kong
Hotel.

Miss Chen Yuen-sien, the Chief
Judge of the Shanghai Local Court,
Yih Tso-tsang, Chu Fu-cheng, and
Fu Ping-chang, members of the
Central Committee of the Kuomint-
tang at Nanking, arrived at the
Shanghai North Station by train
from Nanking last Friday.

Miss Penelope Eddon, daughter
of the Rev. W. Eddon, of the Eng-
lish Methodist Mission, Tientsin,
has attained her B.A. degree in
London University. It is believed
that she is the first lady in North
China to take the degree from
Tientsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig Cum-
berland are the guests of Dr. and
Mrs. E. J. Anderson, of the Ameri-
can School, recently, as they passed
through Shanghai en route to
America. Mrs. Cumberland was
Miss Harriet Gunn before her mar-
riage on October 14, in Manila.

Mr. Lalchand, the managing
partner of Messrs. Wassiamull As-
somull & Co., and the President of
the Sind Hindu Merchants Asso-
ciation, is shortly leaving the
Colon. Mr. T. Narasimha, who is
coming from India per s.s. "Por-
thos" to-day will take his place.

Advices from Los Angeles an-
nounce that Mr. Emil Danenberg
has joined the Los Angeles Aca-
demy of Music and has charge of
one of its branch schools. Mr.
Danenberg and his talented young
son have appeared at many con-
certs on the Pacific Coast, of
America and have been exceedingly
well received everywhere.

Col. E. H. Pickwood arrived in
Shanghai last Friday and is leav-
ing for Home in a few days.

General Duncan was stated by
Japanese papers to be leaving
Shanghai for Kobe on November 7.

Mr. H. W. Ray, of the Hong
Kong Amusements, Ltd., returned
from Shanghai on the s.s. "Presi-
dent Grant."

Brigadier General Macnaghten,
owing to his impending departure
from Shanghai resigns his seat on
the Municipal Council.

Miss Henrietta McKeen, recently
of the U.S. Commercial Attache's
office, Shanghai, sailed last Thurs-
day for the United States, via
Europe.

Mr. J. H. Brister, director of the
How Ming Trading Co., accom-
panied by Mrs. Brister and their
son, returned yesterday from Aus-
tralia by the s.s. "Tanda."

Mr. H. J. Brett, H.M. Commer-
cial Counsellor, who, since his re-
turn from a commercial tour of
inspection up the Yangtze on Octo-
ber 1, has been confined to hospital,
left Shanghai for a short holiday
at Weihaiwei last Saturday.

The Government has granted a
solatium of \$3,400 to the relatives
of the late General Tien Wei-chin,
beside conferring upon him the
posthumous honour of super-gen-
eral. \$900 will first be issued to
the Tien family, while the remain-
der will be given them within five
years, at yearly instalments of
\$500.

Aboard the "President Jeffers-
on" from Hong Kong to San Fran-
cisco via ports yesterday were:—
Mr. T. W. Southan, of the Asiatic
Petroleum Co., travelling to Shang-
hai; Mrs. I. Geare, wife of the Man-
ager of the Vacuum Oil Co., travel-
ling to Shanghai; Dr. D. W. Lyon,
travelling to Shanghai. Dr. Lyon
is attached to the National Council
of the Y.M.C.A.; Mr. T. V. Soong,
former Minister of Finance of the
Chinese Nationalist Govern-
ment, going to Shanghai; Mr. J.
Angleitner, connected with the
Chinese Maritime Customs, going
to Shanghai; Dr. and Mrs. C. A.
Hayes, connected with the Southern
Baptist Convention, Canton, re-
turning home to the United States
on furlough; Mr. A. Flashman,
resident of Shanghai, returning
home to Europe via the United
States.

The International Recreation
Club, Bubbling Well Road, Shang-
hai, is being rebuilt.

In eight armed robberies, com-
mitted by various gangs of armed
robbers in Shanghai last Thursday,
money, jewellery, and clothing to
the value of \$510 were stolen.

To 500 of their striking em-
ployees, who have been away from
work since October 13, the man-
agers of a number of Chinese
hotels in Shanghai now have offer-
ed a monthly increase of \$2, and
2½ cents per parcel to the runners.

Telegraphic information has
been received from the Postal Ad-
ministration of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics to the effect
that the aerial service between
Moscow and Konigsberg and Ber-
lin was to be suspended on Nov.
1.

Sixty persons, believed to be
strikers from the Wing On Mill, 10
Seoul Road, Shanghai, broke into
the house of a forewoman at 25
Meichow Road, in her absence,
and smashed her furniture and be-
longings. They were acting in a
spirit of revenge, it is believed, as
their victim gave evidence in the
Provisional Court against several
dismissed employees.

The Chinese lad who was con-
victed on Monday by Mr. W.
Schofield at the Kowloon Magis-
trate's court, of larceny of a jacket from
the back yard of No. 1, Cox's Road,
was yesterday morning sentenced
to ten strokes of the cane. The
accountant of the shop in which
the defendant was employed ap-
peared, but refused to stand
security for the boy.

At about 8 p.m. last Thursday
the Chinese volunteers and mem-
bers of the Chinese police force in
Shanghai came into conflict near
Jessfield Road, as a result of a dis-
pute in the Orpheum Theatre.
The fracas started when the Chi-
nese police interfered in a quarrel
between two civilians and two
plain clothes detectives of the
Volunteer Corps. The captain of
the Corps, who acted as judge of
the dispute, was severely beaten
up.

There was an exciting incident
in the harbour, a short distance
from the Harbour Office yesterday
when six occupants of a sampan
were rescued after having been
thrown from their craft as a result
of a collision with the "Man
Shing" ferry plying between Hong
Kong and Mongkok. The collision
occurred as a result of the ferry,
the sampan, a cargo boat and a
steam launch converging on the
same course. The occupants of
the sampan which capsized were
rescued little the worse for im-
mersion and the craft was later
towed into Mongkok.

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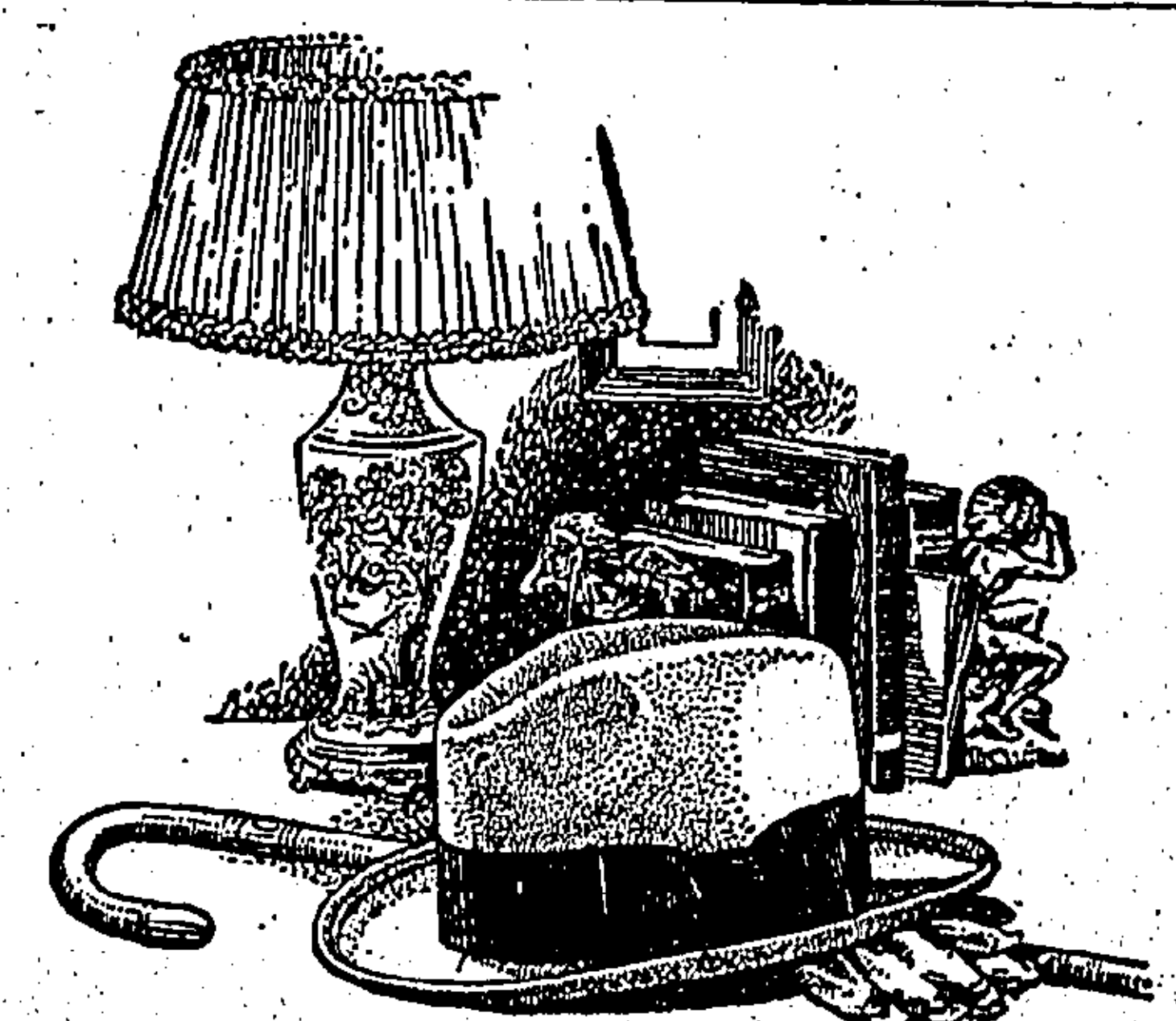
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SHANGHAI RACES.

RESULTS OF SECOND DAY'S MEETING.

"CHAMPIONS" FOR TO-DAY.

Times were below the average at the second day of the Shanghai Race Club's Autumn Meeting. The Shanghai Stakes was the big race of the day and Charcoal proved the winner with Wheatcroft and Howcroft 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Mr. Dunbar's "Elliot Bay" did well in the Mongolian Handicap which it won in only six seconds above record time.

The most successful jockey was Mr. Maitland, who rode three firsts and two thirds, while Mr. Pote Hunt brought in three winners and one second. Mr. Pote Hunt is now leading with six firsts, three seconds and one third, while Mr. Maitland is second with three firsts, three seconds and three thirds. Mr. Brand is third.

Of the owners, Mr. Eve has, so far, been the most successful, with three firsts and three seconds, while Miss Law is second with three firsts.

The great race of the meeting, The Autumn Champions has been combined with the Shaforce Challenge Cup, presented by officers of the British Defence Forces 1927, and will be run to-day, being the eighth race on the card.

Yesterday's results were:—

The Northern Cup: 1 Mile.

Messrs. N. L. Sparke's and E. Hayim's Prince of Warriors (Mr. Heard) 1
Mr. Benwell's Froth Blower (Mr. Proulx) 2
Mr. Jack's Thistle-down (Mr. Wells Henderson) 3
Time: 2mins. 08secs.

The Pagoda Handicap "A" Class: 1 1/4 Miles.

Miss Law's Kilmory (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1
Mr. Westburn's Persus (Mr. Heard) 2
Mr. Commac's Blotto (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 2mins. 40.1-5secs.

The Pagoda Handicap "B" Class: 1 1/4 Miles.

Mr. Talstern's Red Joss House (Mr. Pollock) 1
Messrs. Dod and Bert's Adelphi (Mr. Wells Henderson) 2
Mr. Massachusetts' Frisco Boy (Mr. Encarnacao) 3
Time: 2 mins. 44.2-5secs.

The China Cup: 1 Mile.

Mr. Eve's Wedding Eve (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1
Messrs. P. M. Lancaster and W. A. White's Pat (Mr. Brand) 2
Mr. F. B. Marshall's Cinchona Tree (Mr. Maitland) 3
Time: 2mins. 05.1-secs.

The Racing Stakes: 1 1/4 Miles.

Mr. Eve's Quiet Eve (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1
Mr. Eve's Chilly Eve (Mr. Dallas) 2
Mr. Fred Elias's Firefly (Mr. Maitland) 3
Time: 2mins. 39.1-5secs.

The Shanghai Stakes: 1 1/4 Miles.

Messrs. Beith and Lemarchand's Charcoal (Mr. Maitland) 1
Mr. Liddell's Wheatcroft (Mr. Bremner) 2
Mr. Liddell's Howcroft (Mr. Wells Henderson) 3
Time: 3mins. 15secs.

The Subscription Griffins St. Leger: 1 1/4 Miles.

Mr. Allan's Bubbly Jock (Mr. Encarnacao) 1
V.D.T.'s Black-and-Blue (Mr. Mc Bain) 2
Messrs. Robson and Kenjoy's Pride (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 3mins. 52.5secs.

The Siccawel Plate: 1 1/4 Miles.

Mr. Fred Elias's Firestone (Mr. Maitland) 1
Mr. W. A. White's Buster II (Mr. Campbell) 2
Mr. S. A. Judah's Meadow-green (Mr. Encarnacao) 3

The Flyaway Plate: 7 Furlongs.

Messrs. McBain and Sokoloff's Vetrock (Mr. Sokoloff) 1
Mr. Toeg's Nith (Mr. Encarnacao) 2
Mr. Toeg's Gordon (Mr. Springfield) 3
Time: 1min. 47secs.

The Mongolian Handicap "A" Class: 1 1/4 Miles.

Mr. Dunbar's Elliot Bay (Mr. Maitland) 1
Mr. Eve's Moonlit Eve (Mr. Pote Hunt) 2
Mr. Day's Bonnie Scotland (Mr. Dallas) 3
Time: 2mins. 37.3-5secs.

The Mongolian Handicap "B" Class: 1 1/4 Miles.

McBain Bros.' Sunrise Dahlia (Mr. McBain) 1
Fay and Seth's Christmas Chimes (Mr. Brand) 2
Messrs. Toeg and Springfield's Beit d'Or (Mr. Campbell) 3
Time: 2mins. 36.3-5secs.

HONG KONG RACES.

Entries Close on November 15.

Draft programme and entry forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held on Saturday, November 25, may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Jockey Club, or Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close at noon on Tuesday, November 15.

HOCKEY VISITORS.

JAPANESE TEAM DEFEAT THE UNIVERSITY.

A WELL-BALANCED TEAM.

The touring Japanese hockey team from the University of Waseda played their first match in the Colony yesterday against a team from the Hong Kong University. The visitors gave a convincing display of good stick work and combination and the University team, although defeated by six nil, put up a very good fight and had hard luck in not putting a few goals to their credit.

The game was played on the University ground in the presence of a good number of spectators including many Japanese. Up to half time it appeared that there was not a great deal to choose between the two teams although it was to a great extent due to the fine work of P. L. Tar in the home university's goal that the score at the interval was but one against Hong Kong.

In the second half the visitors played a good deal more strongly and put on five more goals, the home team being unable to score owing to the fine work of the Japanese team's goalkeeper.

The Club team will be—W. J. Lockhart Smith, J. E. Henry, D. Lyon, L. M. S. Lloyd, A. A. Dand (Captain), E. L. Sim, G. B. Slipper, T. Whitley, B. W. Sampson, W. Woodward and A. C. Howell.

Army v. Waseda University. The following will represent the Army in a match against the Waseda University on the U.S.R.C. ground this afternoon at 4.30 p.m.:—Captain S. C. Renny, 2/K.O.S.B.; Lieut. J. H. Smith, R.A.; Driver Mills, R.A.S.C.; Rev. J. P. Murray, R.A.; Ch. D. Capt. G. M. S. Webb, 5/2nd Punjabis, Lieut. J. Scott Elliot, 2/K.O.S.B.; Captain E. S. G. Howard, R.A.; A. N. Other, Lieut. B. E. L. Burton, Queen's, Sgt. Handscombe, Queen's, and Lieut. R. F. Wright, R.A.

Reserves: Lieut. D. C. G. Dickinson, Queen's, Sgt. Williams, R.A., and L/Corporal Edgley, 2/K.O.S.B.

Referees: Captain M. Middleton, 5/2nd Punjabis and J. B. M. Stanton, K.O.S.B.

CHESS.

CAPABLANCA DRAWS ANOTHER GAME.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday. The 25th game between Capablanca and Alekhine was drawn. Reuter's American Service.

FOOTBALL.

The following will represent St. Joseph's against the Hong Kong Football Club on Saturday, on the College ground, at 2.45 p.m.:—Ayoek, Ward, Leonard, O. M. Omar, Crookdale, V. Cruz, Wilson, Johnson, Smith, D. Leonard, and C. Barrios.

The "New York Times" publishes a message from Chicago referring to the fact of Mr. J. H. Grant, of Shanghai, and Mr. E. M. Reed, of Mangalore, India, travelling all the way from those countries to America, specially to see the recent fight for the world's heavyweight boxing championship. The paper suggests that they have set up a record for such a purpose.

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

EIGHTH RACE TO BE ROWED TO-DAY.

KEEN COMPETITION.

The eighth bi-annual race for ship's boats for the "Trevesa" Trophy, presented in recognition of the gallant conduct of the officers and crew of the s.s. "Trevesa," will be sailed this afternoon. Starting at 4 o'clock from Channel Rock, the boats will take in their course Kowloon Rock, mark of Yacht Club, Cust Rock Gas Buoy, and finish at the Yacht Club.

As on previous occasions, keen competition may be expected between the boats of the J.C.C.L. and the Douglas Steamship Company, who have between them won the trophy each time. In April last the J.C.C.L. won for the third consecutive time in competition with their old rivals and many boats of other lines, included in which was an entry from the P. & O. Transport "Assaye."

The race is run under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

CRICKET.

K.O.S.B. BEAT QUEEN'S.

In a friendly match between the King's Own Scottish Borderers and the Queen's Royal Regiment played on the Indian Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon the former won by 39 runs.

Batting first the K.O.S.B. declared at 148 runs for 9 wickets, of which Capt. Thorp contributed 40. Clark took 5 wickets for 43 runs. They then dismissed the Queen's for 109, Lieut. Elliot being top scorer with 30 runs. Thorp did well with the ball, capturing the first four wickets.

Scores:—
K.O.S.B.
Capt. Thorp, b Bingham 40
Lt. Hankey, c Stroton, b Clark 18
Major Lake, c Clark 12
Lt. Welch, c Miles, b Burton 23
Lt. Col. Comyn, c Welman, b Burton 15
Lt. MacLaren, b Burton 16
Capt. Dobbie, b Burton 10
Pte. Sawyer, b Clark 13
Pte. Everest, b Burton 14
Pte. Kinnear, b Burton 5
Pte. Hill, not out 5
Extras 7

Total (for 9 wickets, dec.) 148

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Stroton 6 1 17 0
Miles 8 1 27 0
Clark 8 1 23 3
Bingham 4 0 27 1
Burton 3 0 43 5
Haggard 1 0 4 0

Queen's.

Pte. Underdown, b Thorp 15
Pte. Clark, c Dobbie, b Thorp 15
Capt. Welman, b Thorp 30
Lt. Elliot, b Thorp 30
Lt. Ford, b Hankey 0
Lt. Burton, c Thorp, b Hankey 0
L. Cpl. Miles, c Sawyer, b Everest 19
Capt. Bingham, c Sawyer, b Hankey 17
Capt. Haggard, not out 10
Lt. Cpl. Stroton, b Hill 1
Lt. Cpl. Standon, c Comyn, b Hill 10
Extras 10

Total 109

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Thorp 14 2 35 4
Hankey 12 1 53 3
Everest 3 0 15 1
Hill 1.4 1 0 2

THE INTERPORT TEAM.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I am fully in accord with "Critic's" letter to the papers on Monday. That Mr. E. C. Fischer has not been included in the Hong Kong Interport team is, I think, very unfair on the part of the Selection Committee and it has been the cause of widespread dissatisfaction.

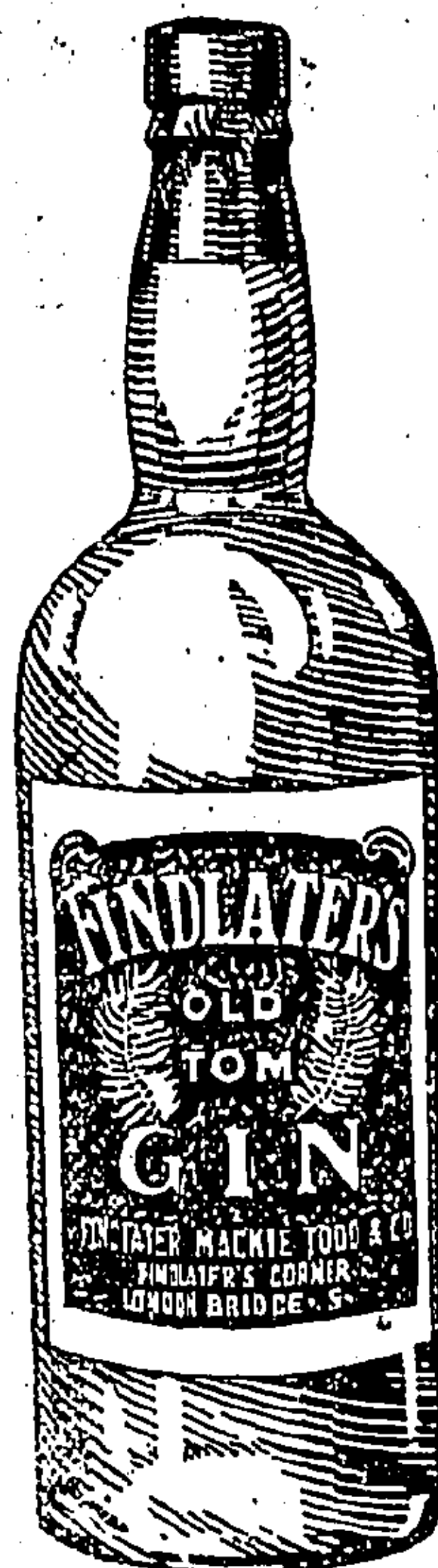
As for the wild outburst from "Sportman" on your issue of today, I am afraid he has rushed into print without grasping the real point in Critic's letter. I don't see why "Sportman" should take such strong exception to the last paragraph of "Critic's" letter. It is perfectly obvious that "Critic" recommends Fischer solely on his merits; the first paragraph of his letter makes that quite clear. His last paragraph is quite natural for a man who is given the opportunity to play for Hong Kong in the Interport Series in recognition of his ability at the game. And Fischer's ability has been shown to be superior to that of more than one of the players chosen to represent the Colony.

"Sportman" has drawn a very absurd conclusion and has unfairly denounced "Critic." I think "Critic's" letter was penned in the true sporting spirit and in what he considered the best interests of the Hong Kong side.

Yours, etc.,
CRICKETER
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"HAWKINS" SUCCEDES IN SHANGHAI.

FIGHT FOR A TITLE.

One of the fastest fights staged in Shanghai was the ten round bout between Corporal Donald Duncan, Royal Marines, and Joe King, U.S.S. "Chaumont," last Thursday at the Carlton Cafe, when the unbeaten title-holder of the welterweight championship of Shanghai retained the same after a strenuous battle with the plucky U.S. Marine.

Very keen interest was aroused, as the two men battled through a gruelling period of ten rounds, a British Marine winning the verdict by a good margin. There is no doubt that Joe King is to be complimented upon putting up such a good showing against the champion, the spectators, and there was a packed house, giving each boxer all the encouragement they deserved for such a splendid fight.

The weights were: Corporal Duncan 135½ lbs. and Joe King 134½ lbs., thus giving away 5 lbs., Billy Tingle supporting Duncan, and Moss, who is shortly to fight here, doing the same office for King. Sergeant Williams, U.S. Marine Corps, was the referee, while Messrs. Bourne, Rodger and Pepper acted in the capacity of judges.

In the semi-final, also a ten round bout, "Bull" Korasloff of San Francisco, 135 lbs., lost to Jimmy Hill, U.S. Marine Corps, 179½ lbs., the fight lasting the whole distance. These two huge fighters gave an exciting and exceedingly bright scrap, a habit of hitting seldom seen in the local ring, much to the gratification of the representatives of the Army, Navy and Defence Forces.

The Navy of England and America was represented in an eight round fight, which was a feature of the evening's entertainment, when McManus, H.M. "Hawkins," 119½ lbs., won the decision over Jimmy Kline, U.S.S. "Chaumont," 123½ lbs. This was an exceedingly bright scrap, as both boys adopted aggressive tactics.

A six round contest between Driver Hill, R.A.M.C., 152 lbs., and Cunningham, H.M.S. "Hawkins," 151 lbs., proved an easy win for the Navy man, who had Hill very groggy during the whole of the battle.

Buckmaster, H.M.S. "Hawkins," practically wiped the floor with Young Alex, Shanghai, in the opening bout of the evening. Referee Syd. Keenan stopping the fight in the middle of the third round—"Shanghai Mercury."

GOLF.

HONG KONG CLUB'S COMPETITION AT FANLING.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's competition at Fanling at the week-end resulted:—

D. J. Gilmore 86—14—72*
F. Cowherd 90—18—72*
H. G. Hegarty 84—10—74
H. G. Sheldon 82—6—76
T. G. Bennett 85—8—77
Capt. Je Gros 86—8—77
I. Newton 86—8—78
D. G. Bruce 89—10—79
*Tie and will play off.
(38 Cards taken out).
Optional Fod—D. G. Bruce 89—10—79 (8 entries).

SHANGHAI CLUB.

Annual General Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai Golf Club was held last Friday in the club house at the Race Course. There were about 100 members present and the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:—President: Mr. A. Bailey, General Committee: Messrs. Gray, Bailey, Budd, Downs, Holland, Pilcher, Pettitt, Denison, and Porter. Ballotting Committee: Messrs. Bowerman, Lester, Arnold, Cobb, Cousins, Cumming, Farman, Hutchison, Lancaster, Malcolm, Banham, Naxon and de Berry. Messrs. Thompson & Co. were re-elected as auditors.

Capt. E. I. M. Barrett in a short speech, paid a tribute to Mr. R. G. MacDonald, the retiring president, and proposed that he should be elected a life member in recognition of the very great services he had performed for the good of the Club during his term of office. Mr. C. W. Porter seconded the motion which, was carried unanimously amidst loud and continued applause.

PLAGUE IN NORTH.

Peking, Oct. 31.
According to Chinese reports, pneumonic plague has broken out at Sanhsien, 40 miles east of Peking. It is reported that, up to the present, there have been over 100 cases, all of which have been fatal.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

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MEN'S CLOTHES.

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WHERE SCOTSMEN SHOW THE WAY.

Harris, Shetland, and the other local home-spuns in the most brilliant colours, notably the new blood red, green mixtures, rich browns, blue-greys, and natural tones, either plain or carrying a line contrasting over-square, were the favourite materials for the plus four suits that I have seen on the North Berwick. St. Andrews, Gelnegles, and Troon golf courses during the past two or three weeks (says Fonthill Beckford in the "Daily Mail").

They vie in brightness of colour with the tweed doublets which Scotsmen are wearing with the kilt. Add to this, loose, easy-fitting, sporty overcoats of the Balmacan or cape variety built from colours and patterns to match the suit, with stockings and pullovers in dusted or self-colour mixtures, and you will form some idea of how colourful men's sports clothes are in Scotland to-day.

Nor is this craze for colour confined to the plus four suit, for in the country type of lounge clothes I saw Glenurquhart, shepherd's and hound's-tooth checks and unusual herringbones comprising two, or three different shades.

The opinion was expressed at the Braemar and Oban gatherings that never before have so many young Scotsmen taken to the wearing of the kilt, and this in itself adds much to the atmosphere of every outdoor social event.

According to the Natal Mercury, the Union Government has concluded an agreement with Imperial Airways, Limited, for the erection of an airship mooring-mast in the vicinity of Tongaat, 30 miles from Durban, where an aerodrome is to be established.

A Reuter telegram from Quito says that the Ecuadorian Government has issued a decree forbidding foreign Churchmen, irrespective of their religion, to enter the country. In exceptional cases the Minister of the Interior may permit the entry of foreign Churchmen for a period not exceeding 40 days.

MONEY & SHARES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Bank 30 days' sight 2/1-1/2
Bank 4 months' sight 2/1-1/2
Credits 4 months' sight 2/1-1/2
Documentary 4 months' sight 2/1-1/2

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Credits 4 months' sight 1320
On Berlin—
On demand 1245
On New York—
On demand 49
Credits, 60 days' sight 50 1/2
On Bombay—
Wire 134 1/2
On demand 134 1/2
On Calcutta—
Wire 134 1/2
On demand 134 1/2
On Singapore—
On demand 87
On Manila—
On demand 98 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand 78 1/2
30 days' sight (private paper) 78 1/2
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On demand 105 1/2
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Berlin 18.10
Stockholm 18.17
Copenhagen 18.45 1/2
Oslo 34.49 1/2
Vienna 16.41
Prague 19.34
Helsingfors 28.69
Madrid 27 1/16
Lisbon 367 1/2
Athens 790
Bucharest 5.23/32
Rio 47 53/64
Buenos Aires 1/15/16
Bombay 2/0 1/2
Shanghai 1/10 25
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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

The Very New Hats.



Felts, too, are making a return to popularity. The amusing double brim gives individuality to many of the latest hats. Crowns of no startling features are worn with these brims and are usually simply banded in another tone of grosgrain or thick satin ribbon.

Velvets in All Sorts of Interesting Shapes Appear. Felts of Trim Lines and the Draped Hat Are Worn.

Now that the season for the very large and very transparent hat has gone along its merry summer-time way, the mid-season hat that portends new Autumn modes is here to add a note of interest to the wardrobe. Hats are always a matter of importance, as they not only crown a smart appearance, but do much to make attractive the features. It is never wise to wear hats that merely follow a mode, but to select one of the types that is becoming, and still at the height of chic.

Velvet, that plays so important a role in all advanced styles, will be much seen as far as the new hat is concerned. It will be one of the first to usher in the new season. There is no particular shape that velvet is not adapted to and consequently it is always favoured.

In the draped toques velvet is particularly effective. It comes in the most alluring shades—not to mention black, always highly becoming—and will add a colourful note to many of the new ensembles. Blues in all shades are fetching in these small models that give so smart an air. They also serve as a sports model for the cooler days and find simple shapes an alluring outline in their brilliant shades.

Another hat of interest is the small hat that threatens to take on the vogue of the old time cloche. It is a small hat of complicated technique that still manages to exude an air of simplicity—that essential of the small hat. It possesses tucks in the small round crown and has a narrow brim that is also tucked around the edge to give the effect of cording. Velvet ribbon is used to band the crown—a new and effective feature.

For general daytime wear there is nothing smarter than the felt toque—in black, particularly—that

SOMETHING BLUE.

New Silks in New
Colours.

Small patterns are a feature of many of the new figured silks, which are being shown for the coming season. Crepe de Chine is to be the principal Spring and Summer fabric, and foulards and morocains will also be worn in these small patterns, while chiffons and georgettes will probably be more popular in larger designs.

Some of the small designs are very worrying to the beholder, who is not so much concerned as the wearer. As President Wilson once said to his face, it is the other fellow gets the lot not the owner. One pattern in a teal and navy ground with an all-over design in small cloves and shamrocks is an example of this, and has already been taken up by a famous de-

Again the Dark Coat.



Silks and Fine Woollens Are
Lending an Important Air
to the Midseason
Collection.

With interest in Summer clothes waning, as the midseason is upon us, hints of autumnal clothes are gaining importance. At present there are few outstanding features, but several hints of what will appear very popular have created a flutter of interest.

It appears that simplicity will again dominate the mode. Straight lines with subtle variations creating a smart distinction are being featured. Just before real Autumn clothes appear there is a season that merely points the way, when dark clothes are substituted for the light tints of August and September. October is always the turning point in the mode. It is too early for the wintry effects that appear in November and December, and too advanced in the season for the gay sports effects of the summertime.

Velvet, it appears, will be used in combination with silks and woollens on many of the new models. This is one of the outstanding features of the mode. Velvet inserts, bindings and inlaid effects being some of the novel ways of combining it with chiffons, silks and woollens.

As for colours, the earliest hints include all shades of blues in the darker tones, black, brownish reds such as grenade, grenat, to the reddish brown, mahogany chardon and rousille. Grays shading into beige tones and the bachelor button blue being exceedingly popular.

Virginia Lee Corbin wears several costumes of interest in her latest First National film, "No Place to Go." One ensemble emphasizes the new points in the mid-season mode. Miss Corbin wears a coat dress of dark blue silk poplin with robbins egg blue revers embroidered in pink forget-me-nots. The front closing is scalloped and faced with the lighter blue. A half-moon pocket exhibits the same colours in its trimming.

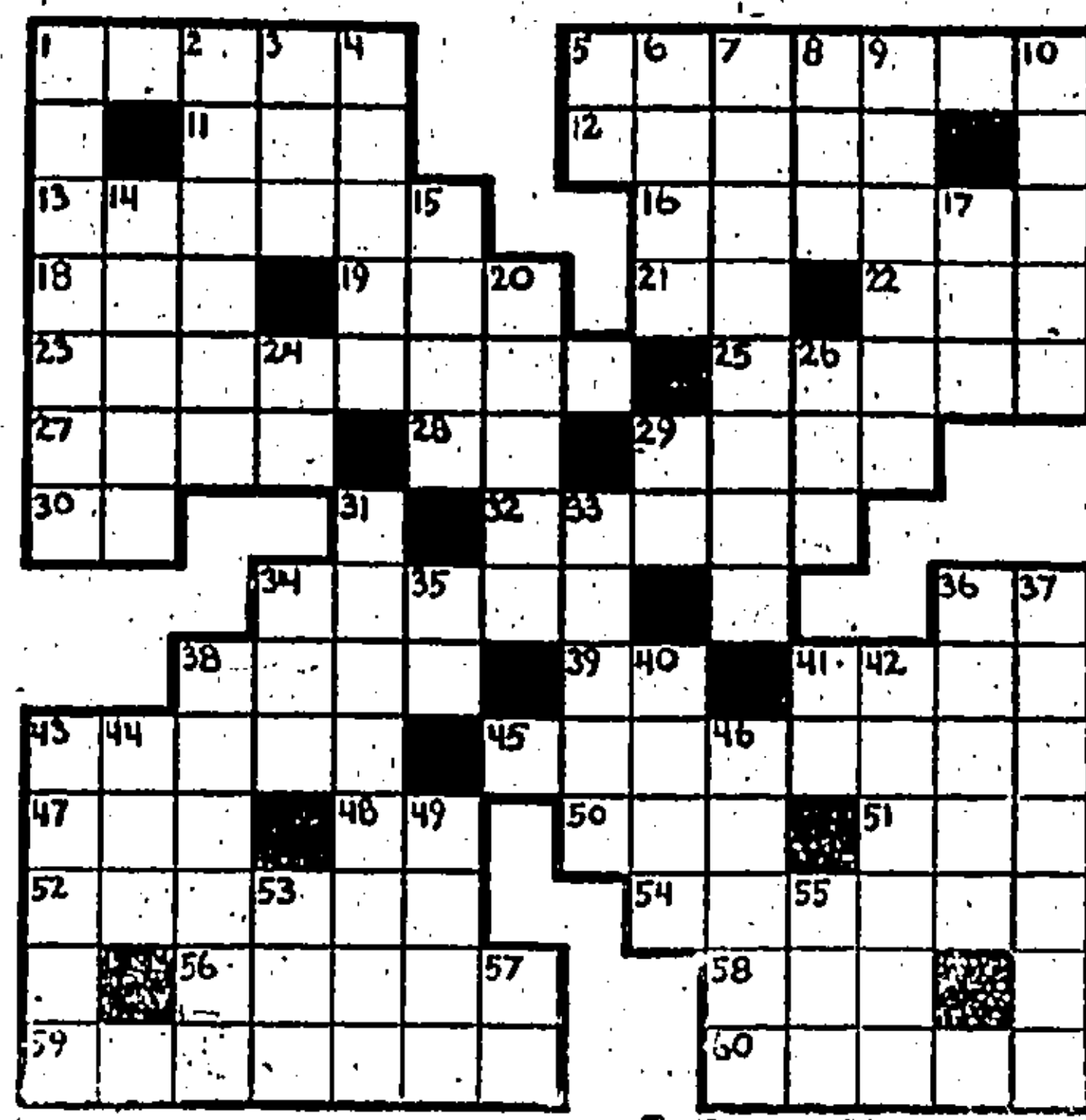
is being made with a number of floral effects in motif form; this is the only material which is not being shown in a multitude of allover designs. There are some of the plaided taffetas that are typically French, and these will be used for the more tailored models; the floral designs are for the picture type of frock for women or children.

Blue is strongly represented right through the range of new materials, though there are still many people who regard blue as never likely to be really fashionable. This year there is, however, a determined effort to bring back blue, and it is being shown in an enormous range from Madonna blue to dourian blue—the tone of navy that is in favour with customs officers. Lapis blue, butterfly blue, and tones of peacock blue are being shown, and each

(Continued on Next Column.)

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Vast region in N. Africa.
- 5-Who was the fourth President of the U. S.?
- 11-Self
- 12-Any scene of conflict
- 13-To state positively
- 16-To chat
- 18-What is the French for "born"?
- 19-Saying nothing
- 21-N. central State (abbr.)
- 22-A cloth measure
- 23-In classical mythology what is the place of punishment in the lower world called?
- 25-Pertinently
- 27-Man's name (German)
- 28-Of what island is St. John the capital? (abbr.)
- 29-Solitary
- 30-Of what province of Canada is Halifax the capital? (abbr.)
- 32-What bay is between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick?
- 33-By
- 35-Thewy

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 39-What day of the week is named for the Norse god of war? (abbr.)
- 41-What mountains are between Switzerland and France?
- 43-A heater
- 45-Who was the youngest son of Jacob?
- 47-Legal science
- 48-Interjection
- 50-What is the Spanish for "friend"?
- 51-Conducted
- 52-An old form of "eternal"
- 54-What is the most popular corn dish in Mexico?
- 56-What is the longest river in France?
- 58-A French coin
- 59-What is the wife of a sultan called?
- 60-Deuts

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 6-A tavern
- 8-Freedom from danger
- 10-Magnificently
- 14-Chairs
- 15-To revolve
- 17-Everything
- 20-Blunders
- 24-Toward
- 26-A thickness, as in cloth
- 29-Upon
- 31-Of what country is Bucharest the capital?
- 33-Total
- 34-Note of the dove
- 35-Prefix. To
- 36-A spirit of the air
- 37-Horses harnessed in single file (pl.)
- 38-What American poet wrote "The Vision of Sir Launfal"?
- 40-A single thing
- 41-What is the German for "yes"?
- 42-The dots placed over a letter in many German words
- 43-Small valleys
- 44-A rodent
- 46-A king of Judah about 797, B. C.
- 49-The heron
- 53-Decay
- 55-An extinct bird
- 57-Each (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

colour has a shade range of six tones, which gives plenty of choice. Among the new brown tones are putty, wild duck, beige, without any pink, and stone; a certain number of greys are being offered to those trying to get away from brown, but there is no colour so hard to dress to as grey, and it will have only a limited popularity.

For evening coral pinks are in big favour, and also greens, as well as white, which is more worn than anything else. The new coral pinks show an extraordinarily wide range of red-pink tones, some verging on tomato, and others on sealing wax red.

There are any amount of sports frocks in the theatre just now, nearly all based on the popular jumper suit. In one musical comedy there is a chorus dressed in jumper suits made of white georgette and banded in different colours. In a new play "Nearly Divorced" at the Duke of York's Theatre, there is a sports frock that has almost become a uniform,

with slight variations among the popular tennis girls. It is made of white crepe de chine, with a band round the hips of red crepe de chine to match the border on the square throat. A little red sleeveless cardigan and red hat to match are also worn.

The vogue for white and red is always considered on the stage, where this year's latest sports fashion for green and white, as seen at Wimbledon, would not be tolerated for a moment. A leading lady at one of the theatres the other day scoring superstition invested in a green frock for her private use on a Friday; the same evening she was stabbed with a stage dagger so badly that she almost had the top of her finger taken off. And everyone of her superstitious friends said, "I told you so." The amount of green this year is really surprising, and the shops everywhere report a great run on it, even in parasols, when it must be acknowledged it is not becoming.

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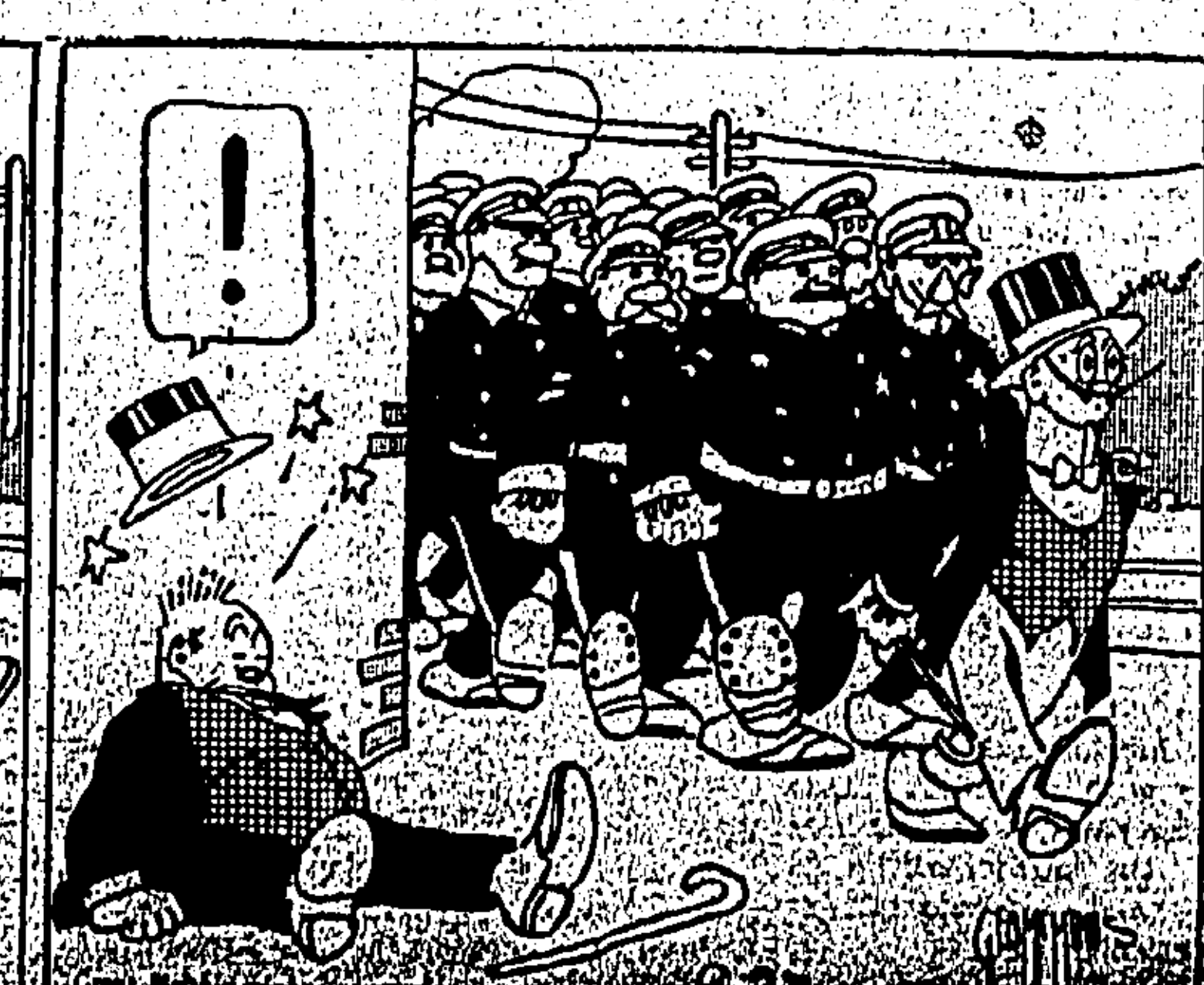
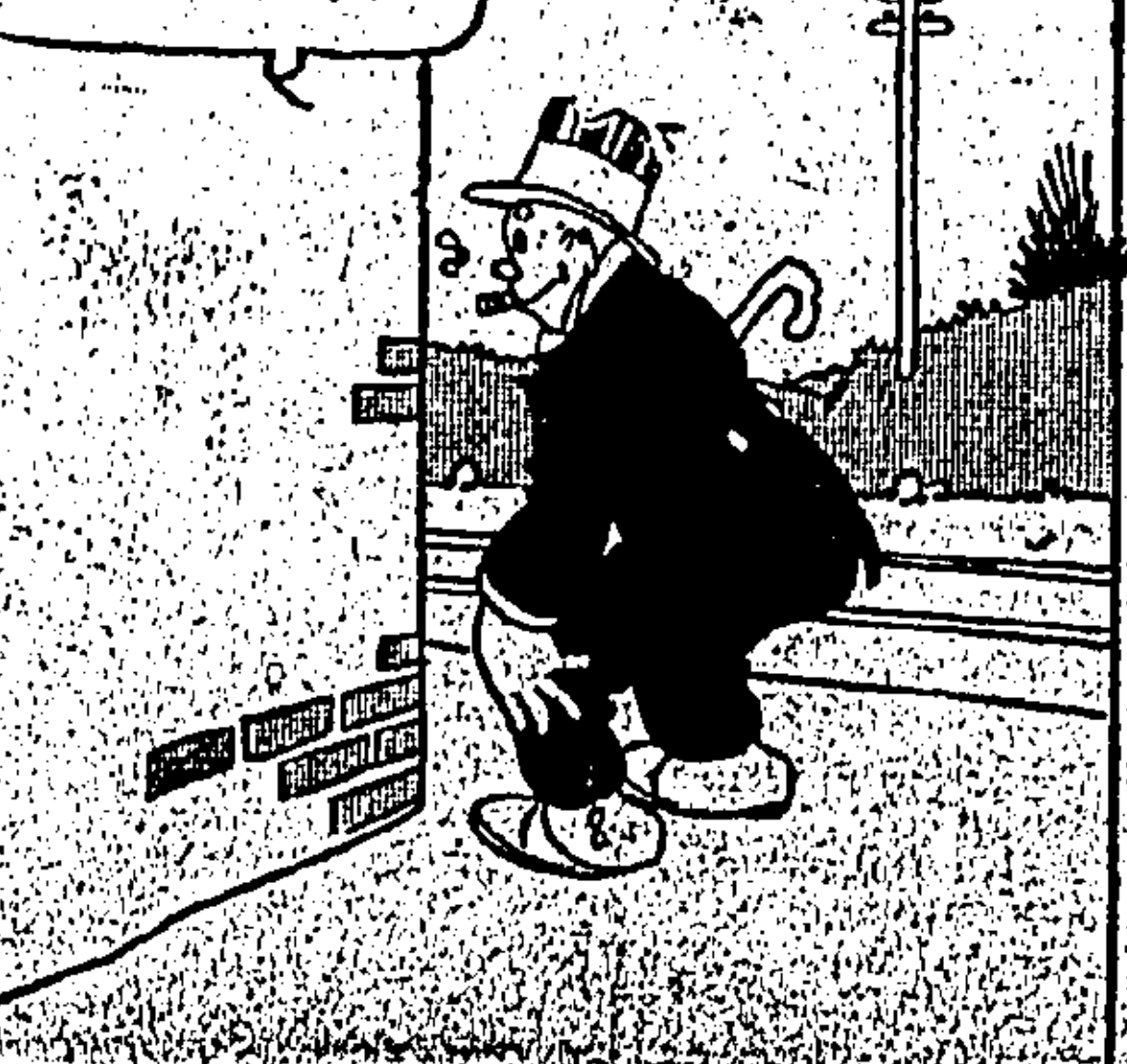
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HOUSING SUBSIDY.

WITHDRAWAL OF STATE AID IN PROSPECT.

CHEAPER HOMES?

A Home paper of September 26 says:—
The complete withdrawal of the State housing subsidy is in prospect. A step in this direction is the new reduction of the subsidy which takes effect on September 30. All houses now in course of erection and not completed by that night will qualify for only the reduced subsidy. Hence the frantic efforts being made all over the country to finish building in time.

The Government view that the subsidy has operated to increase the cost of houses was expressed by Sir Kingsley Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, in a speech at Bilston when he announced that a million new houses had been built in England and Wales since the Armistice.

"One of the most hopeful signs of the hour is the reduction of building prices," he said.

If the Government view is justified, cheaper houses may be expected.

What is likely to prove a first step to the ultimate withdrawal of the State housing subsidies takes effect on September 30 with the reduction of the Government grants.

Local authorities and the building trade have had almost a year's notice of the reduced rates, which are to apply to all subsidy houses that are not completed by then.

states political correspondent in the "Daily News."

Race to Earn Big Subsidy.

In all parts of the country strenuous efforts are being made to complete as many new houses as possible within the time limit, so that the existing rate of subsidy may be earned. The new rates will be: £4 (instead of £) per house for 20 years' under the Chamberlain Act of 1923;

£7 10s. (instead of £9) per house for 40 years' under the "Wheatley Act, with a corresponding reduction in the special terms applicable to agricultural parishes.

In the autumn of next year the whole question of the housing subsidies will again be surveyed by the Minister of Health (Mr. Neville Chamberlain) in accordance with the obligation placed upon him by the terms of the Housing Act of 1924.

Government's Objective.

What will happen then?

Much will, of course, depend upon the progress that has been made in the interval in the construction of new housing, the estimated arrears, and the effect which this year's subsidy reduction has had on prices and production.

But there is no doubt that the Government's general aim is the progressive reduction of the State grants until eventually they are wiped out altogether.

If the facts of the housing situation as they exist in the autumn of 1928 appear to justify it, the Government is likely then to give notice of a further reduction of the subsidies, to take effect in the autumn of 1929.

The official view is that the State subsidy has operated as a factor in keeping up prices, and that its gradual reduction and eventual extinction will bring cheaper houses.

Million New Houses.

"One of the best features of the present situation is that we are becoming more and more a nation of house-owners," said Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., when he opened the 1,000th house on the Lunt Housing Estate at Bilston.

No other country in the world had made such progress in house-building or had expended such vast sums for the benefit of the houseless and the badly housed.

England's World Record.

"All the returns are not yet to hand," he said, "but the million mark has probably been reached, if not passed."

"It is not an optimistic estimate to say that 1,000,000 new houses have been erected in England and Wales since the Armistice."

"It is a world record and the greatest social contribution that has been made in this country since the war."

It was impossible to over-estimate the happiness, the health and the security that had been brought to millions of people.

Apportioning the Credit.

The credit of this remarkable achievement was due to:—
The local authorities, who had to engage in unaccustomed duties at a difficult time;

The private builder, who, greatly to the advantage of the nation, was back again in his proper business of building houses;

The host of housing reformers and the press, who had aroused the public conscience, without which, as in all such matters, little advance was possible.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who had shown a kindly and liberal outlook towards an industry which was struggling to get on its feet, and who had been encouraging the municipalities in their efforts, had particularly contributed to the success of the movement.

CHINA OF MASTS.

ELECTRICITY SCHEME PROGRESS AT HOME.

LONDON'S SUPER-STATION.

Great Britain is about to see a beginning made with the construction of the greatest public utility service which has been conceived so far, in the present century—the standardisation, inter-connection and development of the electricity supply of the country.

It is only eight months since parliamentary authority was given for the vast undertaking, but already schemes for the provision of a cheap and abundant supply of electricity for two areas—Scotland and London and the Home Counties—have been evolved. A third—for the Midland counties—will have been planned by the end of the year, and within six months plans will be ready for dealing with Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumberland.

South-West England. South Wales. North-East England.

Work will soon be started on the Scottish scheme.

So rapid has been the preparation of the various schemes that there is every likelihood that a year hence—by which time the Scottish undertaking should be well on the way to completion—evidence of the unification and co-ordination of the electricity supply will be visible in every part of the country except the Highlands of Scotland and the extreme south-west of England.

Although the scheme prepared by the Electricity Commissioners for London and the south-east of England will not be available to the central board for execution until about the end of the month, it is possible to indicate its principal features.

Finest Ever Built.

At present, London is served from 70 power stations; 40 of these will be dispensed with. Later, the number will be reduced to 10, which, it is understood, will supply not only London but the whole area between Peterborough and Southampton.

London will have underground mains, but it will be surrounded by a ring of towers, carrying on current at 132,000 volts, compared with the present maximum of 66,000 volts. New transforming stations will have to be built throughout the south-east counties to deal with this voltage. The expenditure on masts, lines, and transformers will be fully £7,000,000.

Though London will have ten capital stations, the bulk of the supply will be provided by three stations—the present one at Barking, E., and two new stations, one at Chiswick, W., and the other at Battersea, S.W.

The station at Chiswick will be the best of the kind ever built. The site selected is Duke's Meadows, and the 45 acres available will be large enough for a station of at least 325,000 kilowatts in installed capacity, and will provide space for the storage of about 130,000 tons of coal, or more than two months' supply under full-load working conditions.

Latticed Masts.

When the great projects in hand are carried out, the countryside will be linked up by a chain of latticed-steel tower masts, 18ft. square at the base and about 80ft. high, carrying the main high-tension lines from selected capital power stations.

Surveys are now being made for the placing of these towers—one will be raised every quarter of a mile—in positions which will have the shortest and most direct supply routes through the country.

Tests are to be made of the type of tower it is proposed to adopt, to ensure that the system of overhead lines will not constitute a danger to the public.

MANCHOU LI QUIET.

NO CHANGE IN POSITIONS OF SOVIET ARMIES.

Harbin, Oct. 27.

The situation is quiet over the Manchouli frontier region. Soviet Russia is not apparently making any activities, and there is no great change in the positions of the Soviet armies in Zabalkal. From last November up to this month, the Soviet Government has been transporting military articles to south of Sanpetze from Zibalkal and it was suspected at one time that these articles were intended for supply to the Shanai army. Later investigations, however, established that it was Outer Mongolia that was furnished with them. Other places also remain quiet. Nippon Dempo.

600,000 had been built by the private builder.

Hopeful Sign of Falling Prices.

"It was worth noting that nearly 350,000 houses—and these were mainly built for the workers of the country—had been erected without any subsidy or State aid at all."

One of the most hopeful signs of the hour was the reduction in building prices.

Since the announcement of the lowering of the subsidy by an average of £25 a house (on capitalised value) on September 1, there had been an actual reduction of £25 in the cost of a separate house, and of £27 in the cost of a semi-detached house.

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Age 21. Blue eyes. Pencil-lined eyebrows. Golden curly hair. Classical features. Open-air velvet complexion. Willow figure. Height, 5ft. 7in. Dainty feet. Weight just over 9st.

The prize, which brought her to England—she arrived at Southampton from New York on the Canard "Berengaria" on September 28—took four months to win. Three thousand girls competed. She had to go to Sydney for the final, and was examined in:—

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POLICE RESERVE.

ADJUTANT RETURNS TO COLONY.

A CHINESE COMMENDED.

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police:—

Adjutant.—Commander G. B. Hartford has returned from leave and has taken over the duties of Adjutant of the Police Reserve as from November 2.

Leave.—Mr. F. C. Mow, Fung, A.S.P. (R) has been granted leave of absence from the Colony until December 15.

Chinese Company.

During the absence of Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, A.S.P. (R) the command of the Chinese Company will be taken over by Sub-Inspector Chow Uting.

Commendation.—Constable R.55 T. C. Woo (Chinese Company) is commended by the C.S.P. for prompt assistance in the arrest of a thief on the night of the October 27. The culprit was subsequently convicted and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Strength.—Constable R.41 Chow Wai-chien is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

Training.—The following is the result of the examination in Part 2 (knowledge of Police duties and Regulations) held on Thursday, November 3:—

Passed with great credit.—Constable R.24 Kwok Chan, R.42 Poon Ping-kong, R.46 Thomas Yip, R.56 Cheng Shui-ki, R.58 Wm. K. S. Mok.

Passed with credit.—Constable R.44 Young Koon-shing, R.51 Chan Kun-yung.

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Passed with great credit.—Constable R.209 Amar Dass, R.216 Faiz Muhammad.

Resignation.—Constable R.229 is permitted to resign.

Flying Squad.

Training.—The following members of the Flying Squad have been passed out as efficient in Part 1:—

Gr. Sergeant R. 292 Harry Kong, Constables R.308 W. A. Shea, R.312 M. Lim.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong section on Thursday, November 10, will start from Central Police Station as usual at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

All members are to bring their truncheons.—This is to be considered as a standing order from now onwards.

General (Part 3 Musketry).

The following Police Reservists will attend at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range in multi on Saturday, November 12, at 2.30 p.m. for instruction in revolver shooting under Inspector H. J. Paterson.

15 men to be detailed by O.C. Chinese Company.

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10 men to be detailed by O.C. Flying Squad.

Police Training School.

Classes for instruction in Part 2 of training course will be held at the Police Training School under Inspector H. J. Paterson on Thursday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 15, commencing both evenings at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Training Part 1 (Squad Drill).

All members of the Police Reserve who have not yet passed out as efficient in Part 1 will parade in multi at the Central Police Station for Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises under Sergeant R. J. Hunt as follows:—

Chinese and Indian Companies on Thursday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 15.

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Parade on each evening at 3.30 p.m. sharp.

Uniform.

All members of the Police Reserve are to make an early appointment with the Police tailor, Tung Hing, 62 Queen's Road Central, for the purpose of being measured for their winter uniforms.

ON GUARD.

VOLUNTEERS LOCKING FOR SUSPECTS.

With a view to checking disturbance, and apprehending men suspected of robbery and other offences, endangering the peace of society, the Special Volunteers in Shanghai are still patrolling the bridges and busy sections of public thoroughfares. The special police and members of the S. V. C. are taking the night shift, and the close surveillance is being kept on all passers-by. Motor cars are being searched, and the occupants, questioned.

Nothing, however, has developed, and the situation is generally quiet.

It is suggested that this precautionary measure is taken by the Council as a result of the rumour that the radical elements, better known as the Bolshevik agitators, are launching a campaign against the Shanghai Facilit.

According to the newspaper Nordstaden, the smuggling of liquor by sea into Sweden and Finland (a Prohibition country) has been increasing of late, and smugglers are known to have freighted one ship with 75,000 gallons of spirits from Danzig in one day.

FORGED NOTES.

RAID ON ESTABLISHMENT OF FORGERS.

SHANGHAI POLICE HUNT.

A mass of Bank of Communications notes of various denominations estimated to total on their face value five to eight million dollars and all stamped "Hankow," three to four millions of which have been obtained from the bank in Hankow by the Communists, are reported to be in circulation and forgers and counterfeiters are said to be purchasing quantities of the notes and erasing "Hankow" and substituting "Shanghai." That was the problem with which the Criminal Investigation Department of the Shanghai Municipal Police was faced with. Hankow notes are said to have been sold at a discount of 80 per cent, and converted into notes which could be changed at their face value.

Late last Friday night in the Central Police Station the head of the forgers' gang and three of his accomplices were to be found. Detective-Inspector Telfer of the Special Branch and his Chinese detectives had run down the counterfeiters and had caught them red-handed: paraphernalia, inks, blocks and the usual adjuncts to counterfeiting all were in the S.M.P.'s hands. A fine piece of work which has taken the Detective Special Branch nearly five weeks to accomplish.

The police received information a few weeks ago that purchases of Bank of Communications Hankow notes at a huge discount, were proceeding on a large scale. There was almost a run on the local branch of the bank, the Chinese were presenting their notes and asking for silver, they also had heard of the transformation which was being carried on. Only the most careful scrutiny could detect the forgery.

It is possible to realise the result if these people had not been detected. Tens of thousands of dollars might have passed over the Race Club counters for four days and perhaps amongst these would be a large quantity of forged notes. The police fortunately have the leader of the gang and three others, in custody. The arrests were effected after weeks of investigation. The forgers may not, of course, have had in view the rapid passing of notes at the races, but it is significant that they have been working at top speed at this time when racing is at its height. The police, however, realised that it was of the utmost importance to track this gang down immediately and the untiring work of the Criminal Investigation Department had its due reward.

The public will, no doubt, follow the trial of these men with the greatest interest as the counterfeiting of bank notes affects every one; the more clever the forgery, the greater the danger to the public. The danger is, thanks to the police, considerably minimised and the public may rest assured that their interests are being protected in every way.

A curious leathern case found on a rubbish heap at the village of Dunholme (Lincolnshire) has been declared by British Museum experts to be a valuable 13th century relic, which at one time contained the sacrificial vessels at the village church.

Reuter's New York correspondent says that 12 persons died in various parts of the United States while listening-in to the broadcast running description of the Tunney-Dempsey fight. Seven of these died when Tunney was floored in the seventh round.

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THE 35TH AND 36TH ARMIES WITHDRAW.

FIGHTING ON T-P LINE AGAIN.

The evacuation of Anhwei province of the Wuhan forces has been completed, the 35th Army under General Ho Chien having been withdrawn to Hwangmei and Wusueh, report despatches received here on Friday, (October 19) says the "Hankow Herald." General Liu Hsin's 36th Army continues to withdraw to Wusueh and Kunglung at the Hupeh border. The situation at the front is considered grave as the Nanking forces are expected to launch a further attack any moment. The families of the Hunanese military officers have all returned to Hankow.

The situation in Kiangsi province is very obscure as the attitude of General Chu Fei-tieh remains doubtful up to the present. The Nanking forces attempt to enter the province to march into Hunan. This they have not yet been able to do as General Chu has not declared his stand with reference to the Hankow-Nanking quarrel. At present General Chu is taking a somewhat neutral stand adhering to the policy of "Protecting the land and safeguarding the people." At Kiukiang, Siuchang and Hukow the Third Army has been reinforced. The Nanking forces are reported to be waiting orders as to whether they should or not march from Tatumg and Anking into Kiangsi.

Sun Chuan-fang's Endeavours.

Taking advantage of the split between Hankow and Nanking, Sun Chuan-fang has ordered his troops at Pengpu to start a counter-attack against the Southern forces. Heavy fighting is reported to be taking place on the Tientsin-Pukow Line.

Political Council Decisions.

At the 9th plenary meeting of the Wuhan Political Council on October 29 the following decisions were reached:

1. That the Labour Law, Factory Law and the Regulations governing arbitration between employers and employees should be drafted at once.

2. That the relations between employers and employees should be clearly stipulated in these regulations.

3. That an order be issued to the Provincial and City Kuomintang and all public organisations forbidding them from carrying out arrests of their own accord.

4. The regulations governing the arbitration between employers and employees submitted by the Hupeh Provincial and City Kuomintang should be brought up for discussion and promulgation.

1.—That no colloquial language shall be used in written lectures and literature.

2.—That the seats of boy and girl students should be separated.

3.—That students must fill up the printed form guaranteeing that they are not Kuomintang members otherwise they shall be dismissed from their schools.

4.—That all new applicants for entrance examination must produce the diplomas or certificates of their former schools guaranteeing that they are not Kuomintang members.

According to a Colonial Office report last year's turtle season at Ascension Island was poor, only 45 turtles being captured. It appears that the turtles no longer land in the vicinity of the settlement, while at the more remote beaches, where they formerly resorted in hundreds, they are now only to be found in tens.

GALEITY THAT TIRES.

DEATH OF MISS 1927 BETWEEN 18 AND 27.

ROBUST GRANDMA.

Is it true, as a woman doctor has suggested, that the modern girl's nights of dancing and gaiety, after her days of work in City offices, are shortening her life?

Many of London's leading doctors laugh such a suggestion to scorn. But others do not.

They point to the significant fact in the Registrar-General's "vital statistics," that:

The death-rate for women between 18 and 27 has grown worse since 20 years ago.

But for that one uncomfortable fact—and most doctors believe it to be merely a temporary war-reaction—Britain is shown to be more vital and healthy than ever before in her history.

All Due to the War!

"The modern girl leads a far healthier life than her mother did," said a famous physician to "The Evening News." "Her clothes are simpler; her meals are more sensible; her life is spent more in the open air—on the tennis court rather than in the fireside."

"It is not her fault that more girls are dying than before the war. The fault is—the war."

"We are paying the penalty for the nervous strain of those terrible days—the air raids and the alarms and the bad food. The girls who are dying were children then, and were warped and twisted by the strain."

"It will work itself out in time."

Marry—And Live Long!

Two other striking facts in the Registrar-General's report are that: Life in this country has lengthened by seven years, and will go on lengthening, both for men and women;

Women live four years longer than men, and married women live longer than single ones.

According to the Registrar-General, a girl of 20 may expect to live another 48 years—three years longer than she could have expected in 1906. A young man of 20 can look forward to nearly 45 years more of life—almost three years longer than the young man of 21 years ago.

"Why do women live longer than men?" said another world-known doctor. "Simply because they lead more sheltered lives, and are not exposed so much to the risks which men run in their daily work."

"Married women live longer than single ones. For one thing, it is the survival of the fittest. Marriage is a selective force: the healthier and more vital a woman is, the more likely she is to marry."

Struggling Widows.

"And there is the influence of marriage itself. Marriage is a more natural and healthy state, and has a very important effect on a woman's well-being, both mental and physical."

"Widows die younger than either married women or spinsters. At some ages—from 35 upwards—their death-rate is more than 20 per cent. greater than that of married women."

"That is the result of the struggle for existence."

"The stresses of life hit a widow—especially one with children—much harder than a wife."

The experts who are keeping their thumb on the country's pulse of vitality are watching London's millions with great care.

Men from 18 to 30 have a lower death-rate in London than outside. That is the effect of the healthy migrants from the provinces. But

after that the death rate climbs higher than the rest of the country; the strain of City life is telling.

And Healthier Still.

Women in London between 20 and 30 have a ten-per-cent., better chance of living than their sisters in the provinces. The experts account for this by the steady stream of healthy young women coming in from the country—many of them domestic servants.

And the upward surge in Britain's vitality will continue, the experts declare. The healthier, life of the country—better housing, better food, better medical care—will ensure that.

TAXATION ORGY.

WHAT SHANTUNG SUFFERS TO-DAY.

The countryside is groaning under this orgy of taxation; farmers, traders and others are in despair. No one knows what new tax will be discovered on the morrow. Trade is at a standstill. Around Kiaochow, things have come to such a pass that the Red Spears, the Yellow Sands and other societies have taken up arms against Government troops. Regular battles have been fought and the casualties have been heavy, says a correspondent in the "N. C. D. Mail."

Banditry is rampant. Not a day passes but some bandit outrage or other is perpetrated. They only think of how to squeeze the country themselves. The bandit situation has never been so serious before. Even large towns are in constant danger of raids. Not more than 61 li from Chefoo, for instance, bandits are constantly operating, whereas around Tsingtao they have their headquarters in the mountains.

The people are visibly worried over the present state of affairs and the comment is heard on all sides that Shantung is fast going to the dogs. It is generally believed that the war will last indefinitely and that, despite all the reported victories of the North, the situation of the Ankuochun is not half as rosy as advertised.

Taking it all in all the best way to describe the position in this territory just now is to state that the once mighty province of Shantung is in decay, with the end nowhere in sight.

JAPAN'S FIRST GUN.

A MONUMENT ERECTED IN SOUTH KYUSHU ISLAND.

Unveiling of the monument at Tanegashima Island commemorating the importation of the first gun into Japan will be held early this month.

Tanegashima is the ancient name for gun in Japanese and is situated south of Kagoshima. The first gun arrived there from Portugal a little more than three hundred years ago. The feudal Lord, Shimazu, bought the gun and used it in battle, causing great consternation.

The movement to erect the monument has been under way for some time. Count Atsushi Matsubara contributed Yen 6,000, and Mr. Fumio Asakura, one of the foremost sculptors in Japan, agreed to undertake the work.

S. Exc. M. H. Jose da Costa, Caneiro of Portugal has announced that he soon will publish a book called "Tanegashima," relating to the long diplomatic history between Portugal and Japan.—Japan Times.

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ROTHESAY CASTLE.

RENOVATION SCHEME TO BE COMMENCED.

SOME ANCIENT HISTORY.

The restoration of Rothesay Castle, which has been commenced by direction of the Marquis of Bute, is expected to occupy at least two years. It may be remembered that, about 30 years ago, the present Marquis's father commenced to restore the ancient Banqueting Hall, but this work, though well through, was interrupted by his death. The portion then restored was temporarily roofed over, and the restored building has been used for quite a number of public functions, the most notable being the banquet held on the occasion of the late King Edward's Coronation. The present scheme deals with the same portion of the Castle buildings.

Rothesay Castle was built in the eleventh century—some say by Magnus Barefoot, King of Norway, when he tried to conquer the Western Isles, while others maintain it was built by Scots to defend Bute against Norwegian attack. It was a favourite resort of the early Stuart Kings—especially Robert II. and Robert III. It was in Rothesay Castle in January, 1400, that Robert III. granted Rothesay his Royal Charter, and two years later he created his eldest son Duke of Rothesay—a title still held by the eldest son of the British Monarch. James IV. also resided in Rothesay Castle, and was in the midst of enlarging it when his tragic death occurred at Flodden. This work was continued by James V, who was the last Scottish Monarch to reside there.

LUXURY BATHS.

AIM OF BERNONDESEY SOCIALISTS.

London, Sept. 26.

Bernondesey's Socialist councillors are hoping that the new £150,000 baths, opened by the mayor on Saturday, will be thrown open to the public free of any charge. The borough council, where Socialists predominate, will be asked to debate the proposition in the near future.

Baths in Bernondesey are already 18s. 7d. in the pound. The borough boasts that it possesses the most complete set of council undertakings in London.

All the latest ideas have been included in the baths building. The walls of the large swimming bath are lined with white marble, the dressing-boxes are made of teak, and it is a place of luxury fittings. The baths will be available for boxing, tournaments, dances, concerts, and cinema performances, being easily convertible for the purpose.

Cost of Upkeep.

"I hope the council will be brave enough to throw the whole place open absolutely free of all charge," said Dr. A. Salter, the Socialist M.P. for the division, at the opening ceremony.

The cost of upkeep of the baths will be many hundreds of pounds, but at the present prices for the use of the baths have been fixed.

"Dr. Salter believes that the baths should be one of the first free public services in Bernondesey, and he will work hard to secure them as such," said Mrs. Salter, the doctor's wife, who is a Bernondesey councillor, to a "Daily Express" representative yesterday. "I shall work with him wholeheartedly in trying to free the baths from the charges which have been fixed for their use. I do not know how much the project would cost."

WATER SUPPLY.

Storage of water in Reservoirs on November 1, 1927.—

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

Tyiam 1926 1927
330.12 334.45
Tyiam Byewash 11.75 8.92
Tyiam Intermediate 195.90 195.90
Tyiam Tuk 1,405.98 1,335.00
Wong Nei Chung 17.16 18.00
Pokfulam 54.38 54.40

Total 2,024.28 1,944.27

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

1926 1927
Consumption 285.89 304.94
Estimated population 405,000 418,220
Consumption per head 20.8 23.3

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1926 1927
Kowloon Reservoir 551.65 527.75
Shik Lai Fui Reservoir 100.80 100.80
Reception Reservoir 100.80 100.80

Total 753.25 730.35

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

1926 1927
Consumption 78.64 101.84
Estimated population 187,800 192,840
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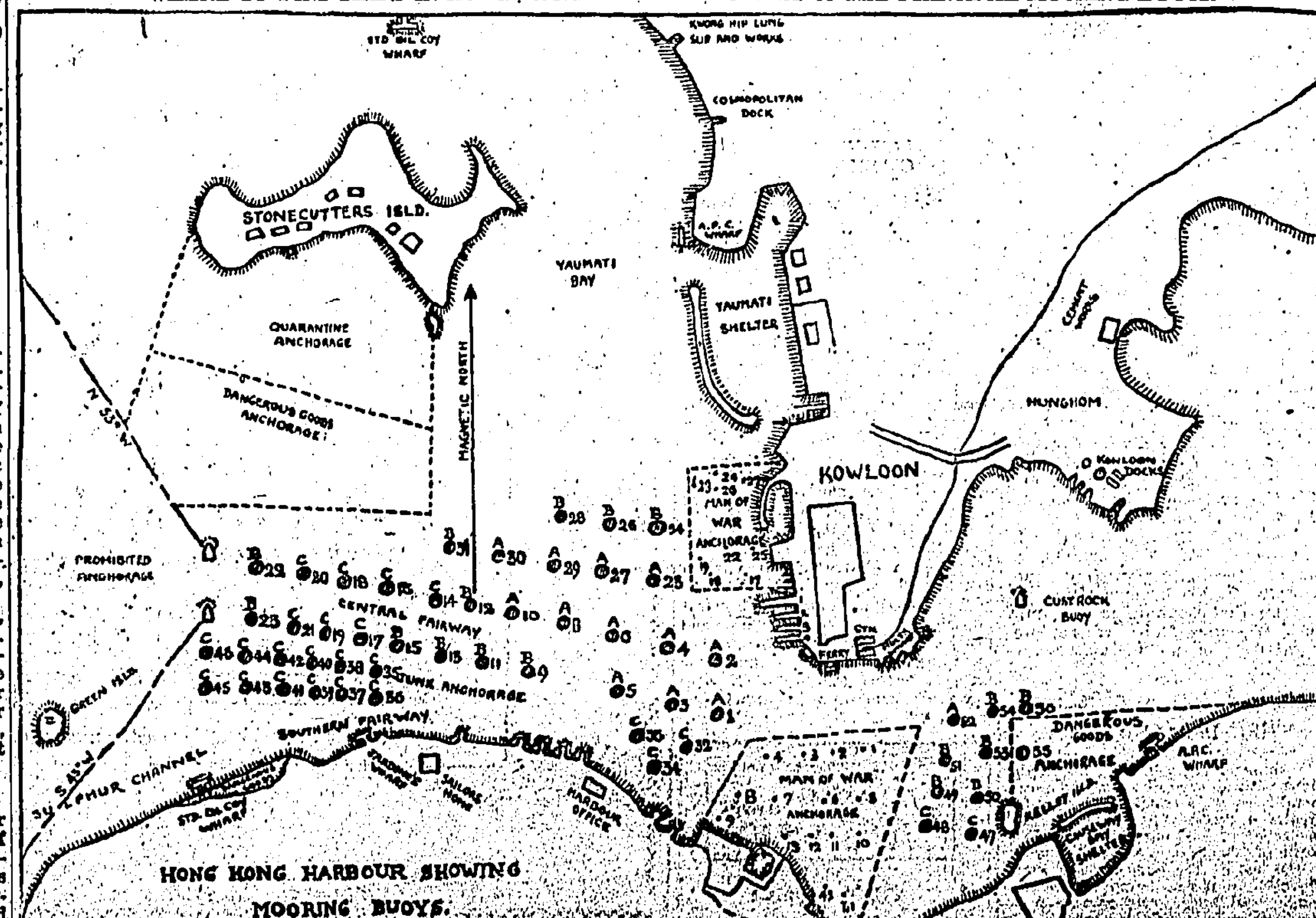
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MEDAL.

All available officers and men of the Municipal police force were mustered on Friday afternoon in the S.V.C. Drill Hall, Shanghai, for inspection by Mr. Stirling Fessenden, Chairman of the Municipal Council, and for the presentation of Distinguished Conduct Medals and Long Service Medals to their comrades.

The parade was colourful, the uniforms of visiting British Army officers contrasting with the blue of the police. At the further end of the hall, the Sikh troopers faced the entrance. To their left the Chinese, four deep, flanked nearly the length of the hall. On their right were Sikhs on foot. Next to them stood Japanese members, while at the extreme right were foreign ranks. The whole formed three sides of a hollow square. Captain E. I. M. Barrett was in command.

In the centre of the hall immediately behind Captain R. M. J. Martin, stood the prospective recipients of the much prized medal, while two paces behind them were the 20-year men.

Mr. Fessenden arrived at 2.30 p.m. In his party were Col.-Commandant H. de G. Martelli, representing Maj.-Gen. Duncan; Lieut.-Col. G. H. R. Hallan, Major the Hon. P. G. Scarlett, Capt. Angel-Sandels, Mr. V. G. Lyman and Mr. K. Fukushima.

The inspection concluded, Mr. Fessenden decorated the recipients of the Distinguished Conduct Medals, and congratulated them. The foreigners receiving the Long Service Medal were: Messrs. Coghlan, Givens, and Dewing, Assistant Commissioners; Chief Insp. Fairbairn, Chief Det.-Insp. Kay and Prince; Insp. McKenna, Milne and Holt; Sub-Insp. Sale, and Chief Warder McKenzie.

An official account of the valour shown by the recipients of the medals for bravery follows:—

Distinguished Conduct Medal:
Class I.

Chinese Sergeant No. 183, Pang Te-ning.—For great bravery and initiative in the arrest and shooting of an armed robber. This sergeant, whilst off duty and unarmed, saw a Chinese running pursued by a crowd. Although he knew the man was armed, C.P.C. 183 seized him but had to relinquish his hold after being shot in the neck by him. He managed, however, to pick up the robber's pistol and brought him down wounding him fatally.

Distinguished Conduct Medal:
Class II.

Inspector C. Mills.—For exceptional bravery and leadership in the arrest of armed robbers. After forcing open the door of the house, knowing that armed men were inside he shot and wounded an armed robber who opposed him. He made a search of the house at great personal risk, and finally shot and wounded a second robber who jumped from behind a bed in an attempt to escape.

Plain Clothes Sergeant J. Moir.—For bravery and determination in the pursuit of a gang of armed men. Whilst making inquiries at night Sgt. Moir found himself in the middle of a running fight between uniform police and armed robbers. He joined in the chase at grave personal risk, the uniform police not being aware of his presence, and succeeded in securing the capture of one of the gang who had taken refuge in a culvert.

Constable E. M. Golder.—For bravery and determination in North Sachuen Road whilst attached as guide to two British armoured cars. Machine gun fire was opened on the cars by Chinese soldiers one of the cars becoming disabled and four British soldiers being wounded. Constable Golder, at great personal risk, shot out the street arc lamp thus enabling the crew to extricate the car.

LADY DELEGATE.

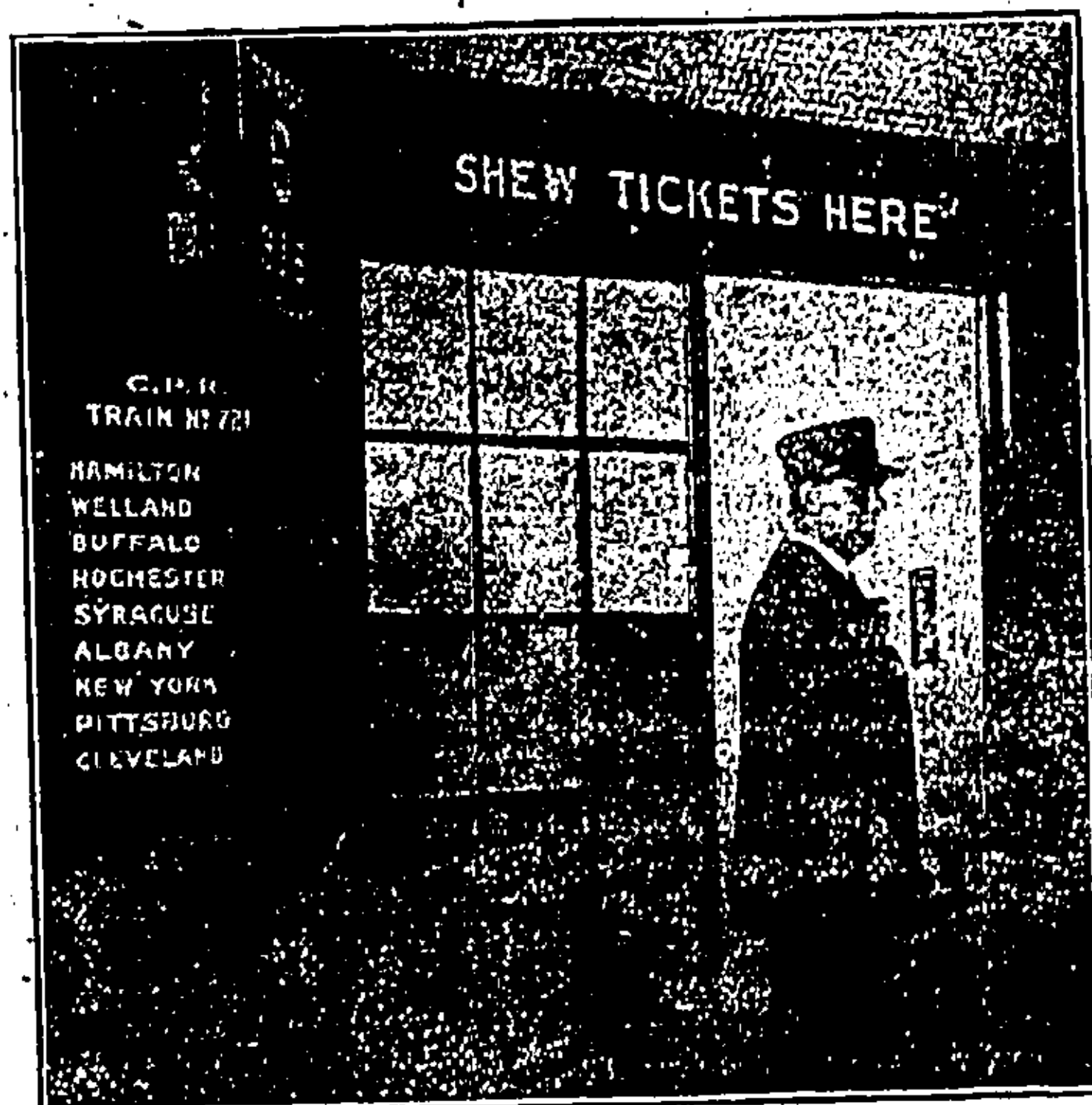
WILL ENLIGHTEN EUROPE ON
CHINESE SITUATION.

The diplomatic committee of the Nationalist Government decided the other day to appoint Miss Chen Yeh-siu as special deputy envoy to Europe, to inform the people of the situation in China to-day, writes the "Sinwampao."

Miss Chen is a doctor of law, and is a qualified person for this work. It is reported that the diplomatic committee has petitioned the Nationalist Government to issue an order to this effect.



ITS QUALITY
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Prince Believes "Shew" is Correct

Take out your dictionary and see if this is right or wrong. The photograph shows (or shows) an entrance leading up to a train at the new Union Station at Toronto and above the gateway the sign: "Show Tickets Here."

This is proving quite a curiosity to the passengers using that station and providing them plenty to think about while on their train journey. It is quite noticeable in this modern age, especially after "show" is used generally. However, the Canadian Pacific Railway is a stickler for correctness, so there it is.

The new Union Station was officially opened by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, during his visit to Canada, on August 31st, and His Royal Highness received transportation ticket number one with numbers two, three and four being issued to his brother, Prince Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin, respectively. The Prince called attention to the sign above his head and agreed with the officials of the C. P. R. upon its correctness.

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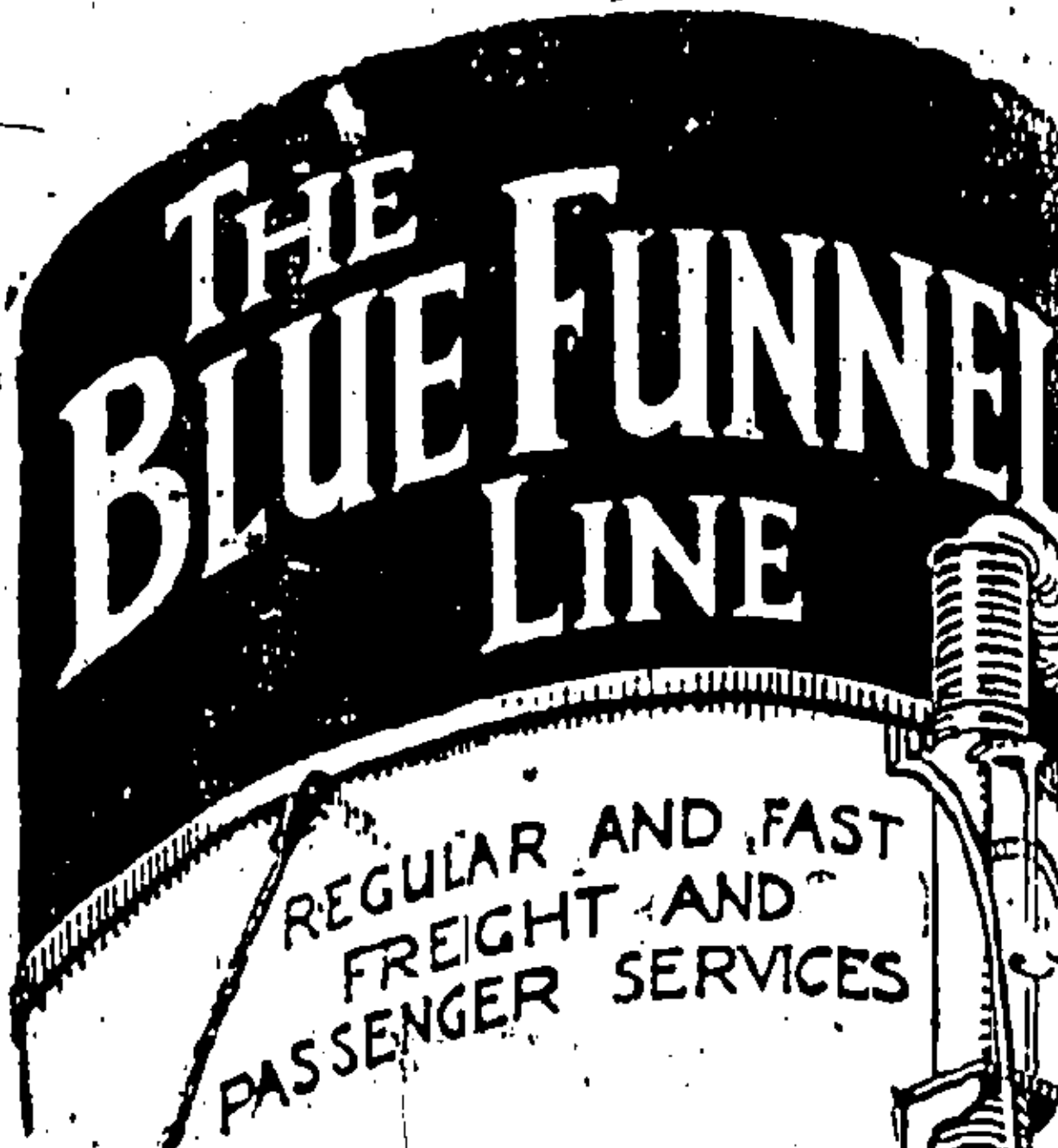
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Amoy	Talma	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10		
Amoy	Daviken	8.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Heutsz	10.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjiselak	1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Formosa	Busko Maru	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 14th Dec. and due London, 18th Dec.	K.P.O.—Parcels	
4.30 p.m. Registration (12th Nov.) 9 a.m. Letters (12th Nov.) 10 a.m. G.P.O.—Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (12th Nov.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Macedonia.	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11		
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Ching	9 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Tean	9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	Manua	9 a.m.
Bangkok	Kwangtung	9 a.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12		
Waihaiwei	Cheongshing	8.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

BLUE NILE DAM.

Reply To Questions In Parliament.

U.S. & BRITISH INTERESTS.

Confidence In Abyssinian Good Faith Expressed.

London, Yesterday.
At the reassembling of Parliament this afternoon Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, was asked about the report that an American company had been granted a concession by the Abyssinian Government which would enable that firm to control the water supplies of Egypt and Sudan.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that he had not yet received any official information regarding the reported negotiations nor regarding the attitude of the Abyssinian Government in the matter. If it had been the case that the Abyssinian Government contemplated the grant of such concession without consulting the British Government, the British Government would not be prepared to accept it. The British Government would not be prepared to accept a violation of the treaty of 1902 between the British Government and the Emperor Menelik whereby the Abyssinian Government undertook not to construct or allow to be constructed any such dam except by agreement with the British Government and the Government of Sudan.

Confirmed By Interview.
Sir Austen added that he was not unmindful of this obligation and this was confirmed by an interview with Doctor Martin. His meeting with the Egyptian Premier and Foreign Minister had given him an opportunity to put him in full possession of British views and to take counsel with him on this matter in which the Egyptian Government naturally took keen interest. Sir Austen added that no question arose between the United States and the British Government and he anticipated no difficulty between them.—British Wireless Service.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, questioned with regard to the Blue Nile dam reports, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said that if the Abyssinian Government contemplated granting such a concession without consulting the British Government that would constitute a violation of the Anglo-Abyssinian treaty of 1902 but he was confident that the Abyssinian Government was not unmindful of this obligation. This was confirmed by an interview with Dr. Martin. He added that no question arose between the United States and British Government's regarding the matter and he anticipated no difficulties between them.—Reuter.

OPIUM HAUL.

HIDDEN IN FALSE SIDES OF KIT-BAG.

A haul of 50 tael of raw non-Government opium was yesterday made by revenue officers whilst searching passengers' luggage at the Chung On wharf.
The drug was concealed in the false sides of a kit bag which Chinese was carrying ashore.
The Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Linsell at the Central Magistracy this morning and fined \$1,000.
The opium was ordered to be confiscated.

KOREAN ROYALTY.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS YI IN HOLLAND.

The Hague, Oct. 26.
Prince and Princess Yi, of Korea, have arrived here. They proposed to spend a few days in sight-seeing and visit Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Marken and Volendam—the two latter places noted tourist resorts in the Zuyder Zee—before leaving for Germany on Monday.

On their arrival, their highnesses were met at the station by the Queen's adjutant, and by Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Minister, with members of the Legation staff. Later they were conducted round the Peace Palace by Dr. Y. Oda, Japanese Judge of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and entertained at dinner by Minister Hirota.

Receives Decoration.
Amsterdam, Oct. 27.
Queen Wilhelmina gave a banquet in honour of the Korean Prince and Princess at the Royal Palace, the Consort, the Foreign Minister, Jonkheer F. Balaeys van Blokland, and Mr. K. Hirota, Japanese Minister, being present.
On this occasion, Her Majesty Wilhelmina decorated Prince Yi with the Grand Cross Order of the Netherlands Lion.—Rango.

"HOUSE OF LIGHT."

Ghastly Spectacle In Flood Area.

EVERY WINDOW LIGHTED.

Survivors Use Coffins As Rafts.

New York, Yesterday.
The death toll in the floods is still unknown, but at least 135 perished in New England, including 114 in Vermont, 13 in Massachusetts, four in New Hampshire, two in Maine, and two in Connecticut.

The losses of homes and herds of pedigree cattle are incalculable. Towns in the Winoski Valley were practically wiped out.

Intense cold and snow are impeding relief operations. Survivors in the Winoski Valley narrate that a ghastly "House of Light" passed down the river at the height of the flood. The life savers paused in their heroic work to gaze at a three-storey house twinkling and bowing in the rush of water, every window being lighted as if the family inside were pursuing their normal occupation. What happened to the house is not known.

A consignment of coffins was sent to Bolton, Vermont, where many drownings occurred. The survivors used them as rafts whereby they paddled their way to safety.

A 50-ton rock in Manchester, New Hampshire, rolled down a mountain cut, passing a goods train from which two engines jumped when they heard the rock coming and escaped.—Reuter's American Service.

INDIAN REFORMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

As regards the composition of the Commission, it was doubtful whether a Commission including a substantial proportion of Indian members and British official members would satisfy the condition that it must be unbiased and competent to present an accurate picture of the facts to Parliament. It is emphasised that the method chosen by His Majesty's Government would assure Indians a better opportunity for influencing the passage of these great events.—Reuter.

Retarding Progress.
Delhi, Yesterday.
The announcement of the personnel of the Commission up to the present has received quietly. Colonel Gidney, representative of the Anglo-Indians and domiciled Europeans in the Assembly, welcomed the Commission and said that if the Commission was boycotted and Parliament therefore refused to proceed with it, Indians would have themselves to thank for retarding the hands of the reform clock in a contrary direction.

Indians Disappointed.
Indian circles are most disappointed at the absence of Indians. Sir Tej Saprú declared that the Commission would not inspire confidence and would not command public support. Sir Abdur Rahim, a leading Muslim, said that a serious blunder had been committed and he hoped that the British Parliament would refuse to sanction the Commission unless Indians were adequately represented.—Reuter.

Calcutta, Yesterday.
The newspaper, "The Statesman" says that the announcement is well-timed and well-conceived and only the most malicious fate could rob the Commission of success.

Bengal Swarajists have presented a manifesto appealing to Indians to boycott the Commission.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.
The House of Lords formally passed the first reading of the Bill introduced by Lord Birkenhead, amending Section 84 "A" of the Government of India Act in respect of the time of the appointment of the Statutory Commission.—Reuter.

A Common Policy.

London, Yesterday.
Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary for War, stated after the recess to-day that his visit to India was in no sense an official inspection of British troops for whom the Indian Government was solely responsible. There were many important questions of finance, organisation and administration e.g. the future progress of mechanisation and the future position of various units of the British Army, which depended for a successful solution upon a common policy agreed with the Indian authorities. He hoped from his visit to India and discussion with various authorities to be able to make some progress in dealing with these and similar matters.

SEAMAN LIBELLED.

"Bolshevist Executioner" At Old Bailey.

CONCLUSION OF TRIAL.

All Accused Found Guilty And Bound Over.

London, Yesterday.
The Bolsheviks, Pollitt, Beech, and Strudwick have been found guilty of libelling David Scott, a seaman.

All were bound over for a year. Pollitt was ordered to pay £100 costs and Beech and Strudwick £50 each.—Reuter.

The Case in Brief.

Reuter wired on November 2: A thick-set swarthy man, with drooping moustaches, who was referred to as a "Bolshevist executioner" and other Soviet Officials, including a member of the Ogpu (Cheka) were among the numerous Russian witnesses for the defence on the seventh day of the trial of Harry Pollitt, Dick Beech and Thomas Strudwick, who are charged at the Old Bailey with libelling David Scott, a seaman, in the "International Seafarer," published by the National Minority Movement of whom defendants are members.

Scott has been prominent against Communist meetings in England since his return a year ago from Russia, where he was imprisoned. He made a statutory declaration with regard to his treatment to the National Union of Seamen on his return, after which the "International Seafarer" accused Scott of disreputable criminal conduct while in Russia.

SHANGHAI RIOTS.

EIGHT WHITE RUSSIANS INJURED.

TOWN FULL OF RUMOURS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
According to police reports no fatalities resulted in the Consulate riot yesterday though four "White" Russians were seriously and four slightly injured.

It is worthy of note that yesterday morning the Police offer of protection to the Consulate was curiously rejected by Consul Koslovsky, who apparently was endeavouring to bring in the Chinese authorities, having requested General Quot Tai-chi to give protection.

Twenty women and eight children are at present residing in the Consulate.
Crowds visited the scene to-day and the town is full of rumours but a recrudescence of the trouble is considered to be unlikely.—Reuter.

"UNIVERSITY CITY."

ADDITIONAL HOSTELS IN PARIS.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

Paris, Yesterday.
Recent manifestations show a bright outlook for a "University City" in Paris.

Last Friday Prince Leopold of Belgium solemnly inaugurated the Belgian hotel and yesterday the Dutch and Swedish Ministers signed contracts to establish hostels for the students of their respective countries wishing to perfect their knowledge of French science and literature.—Havas.

LORD CUSHENDUN.

TO SUCCEED VISCOUNT CECIL AT GENEVA.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Asked in the House of Commons who would succeed Viscount Cecil on the Preparatory Commission for Disarmament at Geneva, the Prime Minister confirmed that it would be Mr. Ronald McNeill (now Lord Cushendun).—British Wireless Service.

Jewellery worth \$262 was yesterday reported stolen from the first floor of No. 383 Queen's Road West.

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